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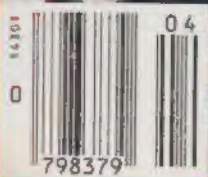


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THE ODD COUPLE

Steve Alford's Knight School Is Never Easy

By JOHN FEINSTEIN

At first glance, the name Alford is anything but a tongue twister. Nice and simple. Two syllables. But the Al is not what it seems to be. The name, if you ask, is Steve ALL-ford. Not AL-ford. The problem is the young man in question is much too polite to correct anyone who says the name wrong. Only when asked will he say, softly but firmly, "It's All-ford."

Bob Knight knows how to say the name. After all, he's known the kid for 12 years, known him since he first started coming to Knight's basketball camp at Indiana at the age of 9. And yet there still are moments when Knight opens his mouth and says, quite clearly and quite incorrectly, "AL-FORD!"

Often a torrent of words not nearly as polite as that one follows. It's almost as if Knight is subconsciously saying, "If you can't play defense like I want, then why should I be able to pronounce your damn name."

Knight has never said this--and never would--but this pronunciation lapse, coming from a man who prides himself on his ability to use the English language, almost seems a symbol of the tempestuous nature of this coach-player relationship.

Steve Alford represents everything Bob Knight has stood for in 21 years as a college basketball coach: He is a great competitor. He is tough. He is smart. He is a good basketball player, but a better per-



Indiana's Odd Couple: Coach Bob Knight and top player Steve Alford.

son. He goes to class and to church. He is articulate and unfailingly polite. He is a hard worker. He is Indiana basketball as defined by its creator, Robert Montgomery Knight.

Someday, Knight may even tell Alford all these things. But not this year. From October 15 until he plays his last game for Indiana in March, Alford is going to hear that piercing voice again and again: "ALFORD, can't you guard anybody?"

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In the last three years, Alford has given Knight a lot to be proud of. He was a brilliant freshman, capping that season by earning a spot on Knight's Olympic Team, then playing superbly in Los Angeles. He was Indiana's leading scorer as a sophomore, averaging 18.1 points per game. And as a junior he was a consensus All-America, taking over the leadership role on a team that desperately needed it and keying Indiana's comeback 21-8 season.

And yet, no player in those three years has given Knight more grief than Alford. None of it is intentional. Like all of Knight's players, Alford tries mightily to do everything his coach asks of him. But when you are gifted, Knight's demands

are often extraordinary. If you are good, he wants you to be very good. If you are great, he wants you to be the best. If you are the best, he always thinks there is a way to get better.

It is that trait that draws a player like Alford to a coach like Knight, the knowledge that for four years you will always be pushed, that more will always be demanded, that you will never satisfy the coach. That way, you will always keep improving. And players like Alford always want to improve.

Of course, that is easy to say sitting in a comfortable restaurant during the off-season. When one is on the practice court, feeling bone-tired in the middle of a winter workout and your name is being screamed over and over again, it is not so easy to take.

And yet, Alford has taken all this for three years and, in spite of the pain he has felt—most of it emotional—he has achieved most of what he and Knight wanted him to achieve when he first came to Indiana. At 6-foot-2 and 170 pounds, he is never going to be big enough or quick enough to be a great defensive player. A lifelong shooter—he averaged

37.2 points as a high school senior—he is never going to be an instinctive passer. Quiet by nature, he will never be a natural leader.

But he has improved immensely in all three areas, largely because he has been pushed, cajoled, yelled at and insulted by Knight. One of the more vivid memories of a season spent with the Hoosiers comes from the first Purdue game. With Indiana trailing by two and less than two minutes left to play, Alford placed his frail body right in front of 6-9, 235-pound Melvin McCants and did something that Knight had sworn he would never do—he took a charge. Not just any charge, but a charge from a player 65 pounds heavier than him at a crucial moment. Indiana won by a point.

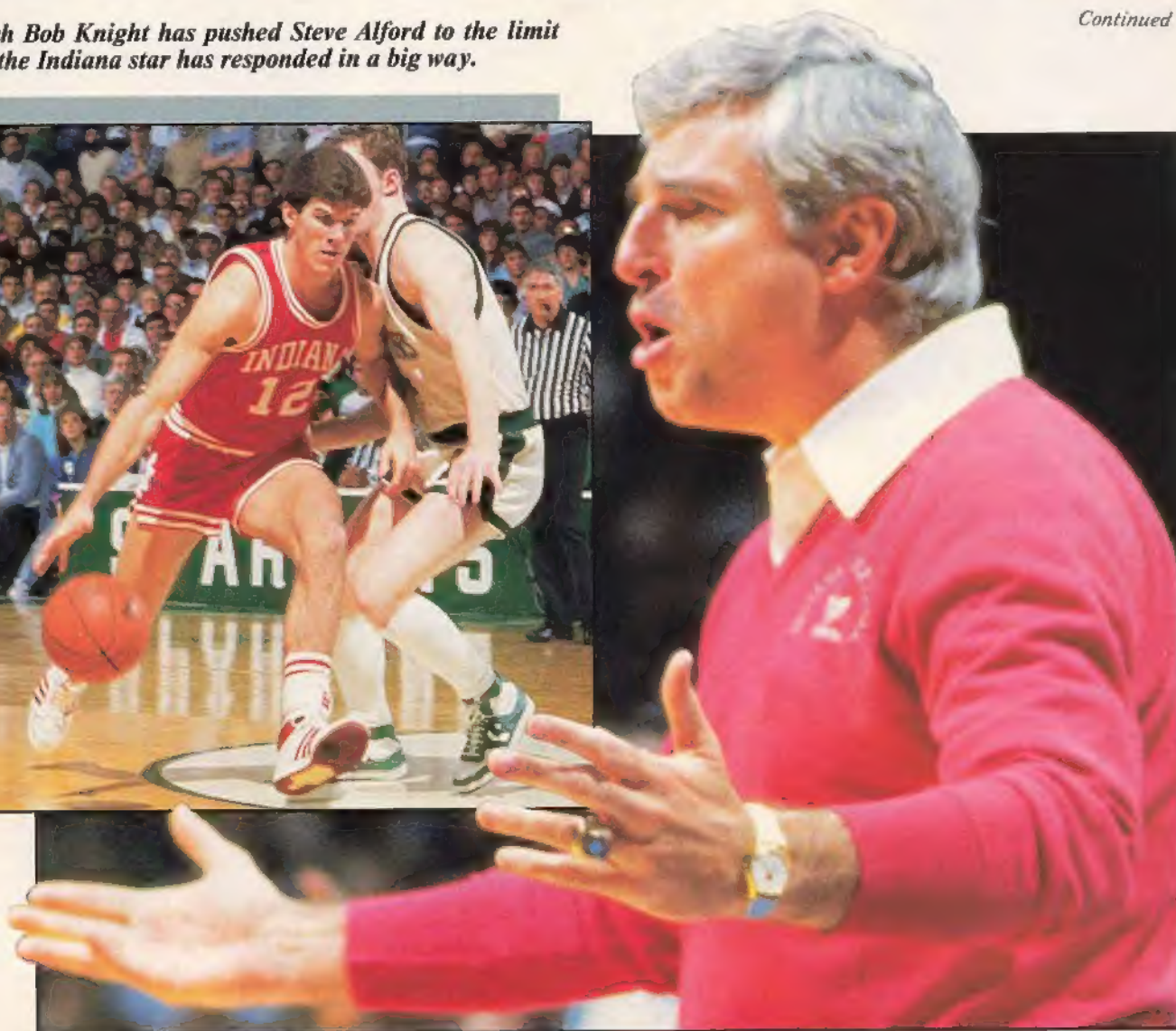
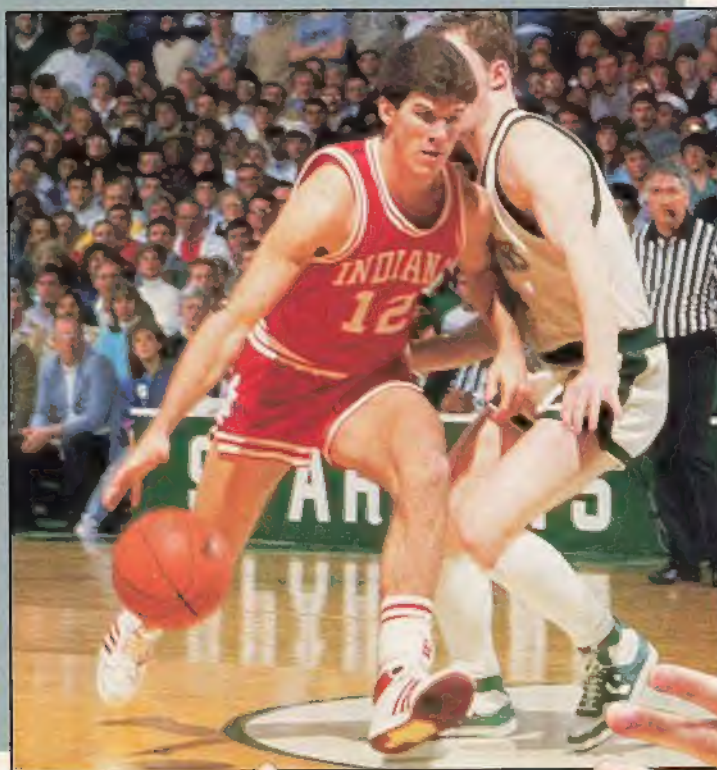
Knight could hardly ask for more. But he did and he will. And, in all likelihood, Alford will respond. Alford likes to joke that his father, Sam, who coached him in high school, has thrown him out of practice twice more lifetime than Knight. Don't bet on that record to hold up this season.

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At first glance, the Knight-Alford rela-

Coach Bob Knight has pushed Steve Alford to the limit and the Indiana star has responded in a big way.

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Under the tough, grueling guidance of Knight...

tionship is one of the strangest in college basketball. The coach has always had to fight his temperament, whether dealing with his players, officials or the media. The player never seems out of control in any way, always calm on the court, always saying the right things to the press.

And yet, if one looks a little closer, Knight and Alford are alike in many ways—more ways than either one would probably care to admit.

Start with ability. Knight was never a natural as a player. He was a star in high school but never was able to overcome his defensive deficiencies at Ohio State. He was a good shooter, but because he got in foul trouble and was a step slow on defense, he always came off the bench for Fred Taylor's brilliant teams of the early 1960s.

Alford can do one thing better than almost anyone: Shoot the basketball. He is not quick, and that makes defense diffi-

cult for him. It is no coincidence that Knight harps on Alford's defensive troubles. He honestly believes—and has his own past to prove it—that to be a complete player, one must be able to, as he puts it, guard somebody.

Alford tries. In fact, he tries very hard. Just like Knight used to try very hard. Sometimes, he succeeds. One night last season during a scrimmage, Alford made three straight steals. Knight called him over.

"You been reading books on how to play defense?" he asked. It was almost a compliment.

Knight and Alford have one other thing in common, and more than anything else, it's probably what keeps them together: Competitiveness. Knight's aversion to losing is well documented. Alford's is not so noticeable because he does not wear his emotions on his sleeve the way Knight does. But as a competitor, he is just like his coach. He cannot stand to lose and that is why, in spite of his quiet nature, Knight turned to him last season and demanded that he become the team's leader. It was not just that Alford was Indiana's best player; it was that he also was the most competitive.

"I've always played on winning teams, ever since I was a little kid, and Coach has always coached winning teams," Alford said. "I think that's the bottom line in our relationship. We may seem different in some ways, but when it comes to basketball, we're a lot alike."

The adjustment for Alford to Knight's style has not always been easy. At Chrysler High School in New Castle, Ind., Alford played in a zone defense most of the time, largely because Sam Alford knew he had to keep his son out of foul trouble if the team was going to be successful. Unlike most freshmen who come into a program like Indiana's, Alford did not have any time to learn by watching when he arrived. He was a starter from the beginning, a starter who was the team's leading scorer, the star of the team right away and also someone who struggled to learn Knight's man-to-man defense.

After the Olympics, Knight worried that Alford's sophomore year would be a struggle.

"The kid was 19 years old and he had an Olympic gold medal," Knight said. "He was the hero of an entire state. I don't care how level-headed you are, that's tough to deal with."

In other years at Indiana, it might not have been that tough for Knight to help Alford deal with it. But 1985 was a nightmare for Knight, who sparked a statewide furor by starting four freshmen in a defeat at Illinois. Knight later explained that he was upset with the performances of his regular starters—Alford included—and wanted to light a fire under them. Be that as it may, the rabid Hoosier faithful were alarmed that Knight, who preached the

... Alford has become one of the most visible talents in the game.

gospel of excellence and perfection, seemingly conceded defeat in an important Big Ten Conference game.

A few weeks later, when Indiana was hosting Illinois, Knight kicked and cracked a chair in a fit of anger. He made headlines again after the Hoosiers' next home game when, enraged by an official's call, he tossed a chair across the court. The Hoosiers ended that turbulent season with a 19-14 record and finished in the second division of the Big Ten for the first and only time in Knight's 15 years at Indiana.

Being the best player, Alford bore a good deal of the burden that season. He was not alone: Forward Mike Giomi was thrown off the team; forward Marty Simmons was benched and eventually transferred, and swingman Winston Morgan also was chained to the bench. But the player Knight kept coming back to, pleading for, demanding help from, was Alford.

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The relationship is sometimes difficult, but rewarding.

Odd Couple

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Alford wanted to help. But because he is limited physically, there was only so much he could do. Last season, with a smaller, quicker team that pushed the ball up the floor, Alford got more shots. And he created more shots for himself. The result was a superb season—a 22.5 scoring average while connecting on 55.6 percent of his field-goal attempts—as the Hoosiers, directed by a slightly calmer Knight, jumped from seventh to second in the Big Ten. Offensively, Knight cannot ask for much more from Alford this season.

But he will ask for more. He will ask for more defense. He will ask for more good passes. He will ask for more leadership. Alford improved in all those areas last year and will do everything he can to keep getting better this season.

Knight knows this. Late last season, when he would talk about Alford in the evenings, his tone would soften and he would talk almost glowingly about Alford's improvement. Once, when All-America teams were being discussed, Knight forgot himself for a second and said, "How could you not vote for Steve?"

That may be the greatest irony of this Odd Couple relationship. Both men, player and coach, have suffered at times in

dealing with each other. Knight's anguish last season when Alford had to sit out the Kentucky game because of a holier-than-thou NCAA ruling after he posed for a charity calendar was quite genuine. He was angry, first with Alford, later with the NCAA. As the season progressed he softened, realizing that even though Alford had been careless, there was no malice in his mistake.

There also are moments when watching Alford struggle defensively will almost drive Knight to distraction. But overall, Knight understands that Alford is exactly the kind of person he wants to represent Indiana basketball. And he understands how hard Alford has worked to improve and to try to overcome his deficiencies as a player.

For his part, Alford has had more than his share of miserable moments at Knight's hand. He has been yelled at, screamed at, called names and, especially last year, often was held responsible when things went wrong for the Hoosiers.

And yet, through it all, two things have happened: Alford has become a much better basketball player. He has improved himself in all the areas where Knight has been critical of him and, thanks in large measure to his coach, enters his senior season as a legitimate national Player of the Year candidate.

The second thing is not as noticeable to the outside world but perhaps equally important. By making Alford his whipping

boy, Knight has seen to it that the other Indiana players have never once resented Alford's star status. They have all watched Alford deal with Knight's tirades and never once back down, never once complain. Because of that, they respect Alford. On a lot of teams, a player who has been showered with honors and attention—not to mention the screeches of teen-age girls—like Alford has would be the target of a lot of jealousy. Not at Indiana.

And so, as Knight and Alford enter this final season together, there undoubtedly will be moments when each will drive the other a little bit crazy. Alford will lose his man on defense, Knight will lose his temper. It will go on from October 15 until the moment when Alford shoots his last shot as a Hoosier—and exits as Indiana's all-time leading scorer.

And when Alford is gone, bet two things: Bet that when people ask him years from now whom he credits for his success, the name Bob Knight will be out of his mouth in no time. And bet that when people talk about Steve Alford years from now, Knight will lean back in his chair and say with a smile: "Now let me tell you about Alford. There was a kid I really enjoyed coaching." ■

John Feinstein covers college sports for the Washington Post and spent last season with the Indiana basketball team to gather material for his book "A Season on the Brink," which will be released this fall by Macmillan Publishing Co. of New York.



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DYSSEY

The Ultimate Dream Come True For a College Basketball Junkie

By JOE RHODES

It was like begging for brain damage, but considering what I'd been through already, it seemed like the only choice

Indeed, the last weekend, when I visited four NCAA regional sites in four days, was the worst. I knew there'd be pain involved, but I had to bite the bullet and see this thing through to the end

If you're going to spend 19 weeks of your life as a basketball junkie, you need to finish with a giant fix, if for no other reason than to say that you did it, so you'll have something to talk about at parties when you've gotten too drunk to dance

Still, there were moments when I had my doubts, when I wondered if it was worth the price. There comes a point, particularly if you've been going a couple of days without meaningful sleep, when all those Omnis and Summits and Meadowlands begin to look alike, when you can't tell whether you're in Houston or Atlanta, or simply lost in the long, curving arena corridor to hell.

I remember most of what happened. I remember seeing Louisiana State beat Georgia Tech in Atlanta on Thursday night and flying into Kansas City on Friday afternoon. I remember that the games didn't end there until practically midnight, that I sat up until 2 a.m. drinking free beer, watching taped replays of the East Regional games in the press hospitality room and occasionally changing the channel to "Let's Make a Deal" just to see if anyone would notice. No one did.

I remember falling asleep on someone's floor for a couple of hours and getting up at 5 a.m. to catch a flight to Houston, where I stumbled into the Summit sometime around 11 a.m., unwashed and stupid-tired. I remember TV technicians eating bad barbecue while they watched Kung Fu movies on their monitors. And I barely remember Louisville beating Auburn. I think I flew home that night to Dallas, where my dog barked at me and

The Author

Joe Rhodes, a free-lance writer based in Dallas, spent the 1985-86 basketball season traveling across the country and watching as many college basketball games as possible. The boxes on the pages that follow offer quick glimpses of the various impressions formulated by the author over the course of his odyssey.

my girlfriend told me to take a shower.

By 7 a.m. the next day I was on another flight, heading for Newark, N.J. I made it to the Meadowlands in time to take my seat directly in front of the Navy band drum section, where the admirals of tomorrow spent the afternoon blasting "Anchors Aweigh" directly into the base of my skull until I thought my ears were going to bleed.

But wait, that was only one weekend. Have you got a few minutes? Let me tell you about the rest of this trip, how I spent 19 weeks driving around the United States, sleeping in parking lots and cheap motels, wandering from basketball game to basketball game. Let me tell you about my basketball odyssey.

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It was an idea that almost always drew one of two responses.

"That sounds great. I wish I could do it," some would say.

"You are completely out of your mind," said others.

Here's what I did: I bought a 1985 Chevy van, outfitted it with a place to sleep, a place to work, a place to hang clothes and a place to hide my computer. I loaded it with file cabinets, road atlases, No-Doz and a four-gallon ice chest. I installed an extremely lethal stereo system, an extremely loud security system and an extremely necessary heating system.

And then I spent the winter driving to

as many college basketball games as I could possibly reach.

I made it to 142 games in 132 days, driving 25,000 miles in the van and going another 20,000 in the air. I traveled through 33 states before it was done, saw 185 different teams, slept on a record number of friends' sofas, spent two nights by the side of the New Jersey Turnpike (the Molly Pitcher service area, I think it was) and received not one, repeat, not one single speeding ticket. I did get a parking citation in Fresno, Calif., but I hardly think that counts.

All the while I was writing two columns a week for the Dallas Morning News, which had agreed to finance the trip as part of its coverage leading up to the Final Four in Dallas.

The idea was to see if I could assemble something of a portrait of college basketball in America and maybe, in the process, get some feel for the country itself. That's why it was important to do most of the traveling by van.

Driving is the only way to really see where you're going, to get a feel for the places where the games are played. I wouldn't have enjoyed Chapel Hill, N.C., nearly so much if I hadn't spent a day driving through the Carolina pine forests to get there. If I'd been limited to airplanes and cabs, I might never have tasted cheesecake in Brooklyn or hot browns in Kentucky. I wouldn't have seen sunsets in the Arizona desert or snow falling on the finger lakes in Upstate New York.

I wouldn't have had the chance to get lost in Newark, to watch a Christmas parade in a tiny West Virginia mountain town. I wouldn't have been able to drive into central Florida, ask for directions to the Orange County Civic Center in Orlando and be told, "If you see the signs for the Magic Kingdom, then you've gone too far."

There were flat tires and broken windows, maniacal truck drivers and fog-

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wrapped roads to nowhere. There was the morning in Louisiana I woke up with my tongue turned black, the day in California when I couldn't remember what town I was in. There were more nights of living on light beer and peanut butter cups than any human has a right to survive.

There were times, I swear, when I thought I could go no farther, when I thought I'd rather slit my throat than sit through another bad game. But there were just as many times when I hoped it would never end.

Here are some of the memories, excerpts from my diaries, notes from a season on the basketball road:

• November 19, New York City, Bard at Yeshiva—They have been playing basketball for 51 years at Yeshiva, and for 50 years—932 games—Yeshiva had no home court. As if it weren't enough to be an Orthodox Jewish basketball team, unable to practice on the Sabbath, the only college team in America whose players wear yarmulkes in games. As if it weren't enough that every student here has to take a double course load, Jewish studies as well as secular classes, and that the players only have time to practice three nights a week. For 50 years those practices took place all over New York City, wherever they could find an available gym, sometimes in midtown Manhattan, sometimes in Queens. In the mid-'50s, when Yeshiva was some-

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1. Sun Dome, University of South Florida.
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1. Schwartz Athletic Center, Long Island University—Formerly the Brooklyn Paramount Theater, the court is where the stage used to be.
2. James L. Knight Center, Miami—The Hurricanes' temporary home court, it's an auditorium designed for beauty pageants and attached to the downtown Hyatt Regency.

thing of a small-school power, many of the games were played at the High School of Fashion Industries on 23rd Street, a half-hour subway ride from campus. They heard the jokes more than they cared to, that they should change their nickname

from the Maccabees to the Wandering Jews.

But all that changed tonight with the opening of the Max Stern Athletic Center, a 1,000-seat on-campus gym. It was a wonderful thing to see, all those kids, the ones who looked so somber studying the Talmud earlier in the day, jamming the stands with their faces painted blue and white, most of them wearing yarmulkes, singing "Na Na, Hey Hey, Goodbye" as their team won by 42 points.

• December 1, Anchorage, Alaska, the Great Alaska Shootout—This is not a normal place. The sun goes down at 3 p.m., the concession stands at Sullivan Arena are selling reindeer sausage and I spent most of the afternoon trying to find a glacier. In the lobby of my hotel there's a polar bear under glass, and yesterday I heard a story about a guy who was arrested for drunk driving on a riding mower. Last night we found a restaurant that serves Spam nachos. No doubt about it, this place is too close to the edge.

• December 4, Philadelphia, Penn. vs. Temple, La Salle vs. Villanova—The Palestra is not much to look at—just a big old gym in the middle of a brown brick city, an ancient place where all the seats are bleachers, where the paint is fading and the corners don't get any light.

But oh, how I wish you could see it. I wish you could walk in from a cold Philadelphia night to smell the wood and the dried sweat and the popcorn, the smell of a basketball game about to be played. This is a place with magic in the air, a palace in spite of itself. This is a place where kids hang out in the lobbies and at the end of the court, kids with untied sneakers and loose-hanging sweatshirts. Gym-rat kids. And in the corner seats are the old men for whom every play evokes a memory, an argument. They used to be gym-rat kids, too.

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• December 10, Washington, D.C., Washington College at Gallaudet—This has been a strange couple of days. Last night I rode the Lafayette College team bus with Butch van Breda Kolff and his team, going with them from the campus in Easton, Pa., to their game at Columbia in New York City. The driver didn't know how to find the gym, Butch got a technical foul and his team lost by 11. And when it was over, we found that the bus was blocked in between a repair van and a red Chrysler. It was an hour and a half before the drivers showed up, and the lady who owned the Chrysler was not happy to discover that Butch had instructed the Lafayette players to lift her car and move it about four feet.

"Don't you ever touch my car again," she snapped. "Do you hear me? Not ever."



Joe Rhodes spent many hours perusing maps and media guides.

"Ma'am," Butch said, "I promise, it'll never happen again."

After a long bus ride back to Easton, it was almost 1 a.m. when Butch made it into the College Hill Tavern, buying rounds and saying things like: "The sun doesn't shine every day, does it? You're gonna have rain, you're gonna have storms. You've just got to hope you have more good days than bad days, that's all."

The College Hill Tavern is why I woke up with a headache. But I made it here, to Gallaudet, the world's only liberal arts college for the hearing impaired.

There is nothing that can prepare you for what it's like to watch a basketball game at Gallaudet, no way to adequately describe what it's like to walk into a crowded gym where no one is saying a

word

The coach communicates with his players in the same way they communicate with each other. In sign language.

Certainly, there is noise here, applause and music, even yelling at the officials. What is missing is conversation, and it is an element of crowd noise that you never notice until it isn't there. Its absence is disorienting, and I find myself looking back at the crowd now and then, just to be sure the fans are still there. They are, speaking with their hands, laughing at jokes that no one else can hear.

• December 30, New Orleans—I was driving west through the Florida panhandle when I heard Ned Fowler's voice. It

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Stretches Of Highway Best

1. Interstate 40 heading east from Tennessee into North Carolina.
2. The Seward Highway from Anchorage to the Portage Glacier.

Worst

1. Interstate 294, south of Chicago heading toward Indiana.
2. Interstate 95, southern Philadelphia, toward the airport.

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was a Sunday night radio talk show coming out of New Orleans and Fowler, who was the Tulane basketball coach before a point-shaving scandal caused the school to drop the sport, was calling in to talk to Benny Dees, the new coach at the University of New Orleans.

"I'm keeping busy," Fowler said when Dees asked how he was doing. "I'm doing some jogging, doing some scouting, trying to keep in touch."

Fowler's voice that night was as lonely as I've ever heard. I called him when I got to New Orleans. He was heartbroken over what had happened at Tulane, crushed that no other school would hire him.

"I'm set apart from the world that I've known," he said, "and it's hard to deal with that. How do you just stop a way of life? I miss it so much. The big games. The excitement. How do you face that all of that has stopped?"

● January 4, Mobile, Ala., Quincy at South Alabama—It went into overtime the last time it happened, and it got so bad that Sondra Hanks had to leave the gym before it was over. Her son was coaching against her husband, and she really didn't want to know who won. Either way, the score would break her heart.

After it was over, Sherrill Hanks, the husband who coached at Quincy College, and Mike Hanks, the son who coached at Samford, told Sondra Hanks that they would never again put her through anything like that. They lied.

When Mike Hanks became the head coach at South Alabama, he called his dad and asked to coach against him one more time.

So here was Sondra Hanks, split in two again, sitting in the bleachers behind her husband's team, clutching her granddaughter's baby doll, watching another game that would surely break her heart.

It was not as bad as the first time, when Mike's team had won by seven points. Still, it was closer than it should have been. Sherrill Hanks' Division II team from Quincy, Ill., was only behind by a

basket at the half. In the end, though, South Alabama won by 12.

"This is it," Sherrill Hanks had said before the game, saying he'd promised his wife. "After this, we're not going to play anymore."

There was a party after the game, with the father and the son, the mother and the daughter and the grandkids.

"I think we ought to play you one time in Quincy," Mike Hanks told his dad. "Your last season. Right before you retire."

Sondra Hanks was not in the room then, did not know what was happening. It probably is best that we not tell her. The news would only break her heart.

● January 16, Los Angeles, Arizona

Uniforms Best-Looking

1. Georgia Tech (road gold).
2. Panhandle State (by virtue of the name alone).

Worst-Looking

1. Nevada Las-Vegas (looks like their shorts are hanging out).
2. Georgetown (looks like their T-shirts are hanging out).

Ugliest Shoes

1. Southern Methodist.
2. Louisiana State.



The author's van was equipped with a computer and other necessities.

Team Mascots Best

1. Buzz the Yellow Jacket, Georgia Tech.
2. The Tiger, Auburn.

Strangest

1. The Blobs, Jacksonville—A couple of people wrapped in spandex sheets. They look like giant Chiclets.
2. The Red Dot, Western Kentucky—A red fuzzy ball with a mouth. I don't know how else to describe it.

Most Obnoxious

1. The Bulldog, Georgetown.
2. The Sooner Hound, Oklahoma.

State at UCLA—I'm not sure how I survived, driving from Goodwell, Okla., to Los Angeles in a day and a half. My last clear memory is of Abe Lemons, who had his Oklahoma City team in Goodwell to play Panhandle State, giving the finger to the officials before the game. "I've always thought," Abe said, "that's a good way to get things started."

And now I'm in Pauley Pavilion, sitting next to the man who made it famous, watching a UCLA game with John Wooden. He sits in the lower-level bleachers directly across from the Bruin bench. It's strange how little he has changed, how he still watches the game with his back straight and his arms folded across his chest, as if he is listening to a sermon in a church pew.

"These are the worst seats in the house," he said. "I'd rather be higher where you can see the flow of the play."

He still watches like a coach, pointing out things away from the ball, defensive adjustments, showing his approval by gently clapping, his hands barely leaving his lap.

He talks about so many things as the game goes on, about his grandchildren, about growing up in Indiana, about Grantland Rice, about how much he hates the dunk. He even admits that when UCLA played Louisville for the 1980 national championship, he couldn't help but pull for his former assistant, Denny Crum, the Louisville coach.

And as he watches, John Wooden matter-of-factly accommodates the slow trickle of fans who come by to ask for his autograph. "Thanks for your interest" is what he always writes.

● Las Vegas, January 25, Long Beach State at Nevada-Las Vegas—You don't want to be in this town on Super Bowl



weekend--not unless your idea of a good time is being jammed into hotel corridors with thousands of yahoos who've hauled themselves up from California on Interstate 15 in search of legalized wagering, nickel slot machines and the world's largest assortment of all-you-can-eat buffets.

Actually, this place is pretty normal if you can get away from the Strip, to the places where the tourists don't go. For instance, to a Nevada-Las Vegas game.

It's the locals who fill the Thomas and Mack Center to watch Jerry Tarkanian's teams. They are a strange mixture, the UNLV crowds, part mink coat and part blue collar. The front rows are filled with money: casino owners and land barons, an occasional nightclub star. But the

upper levels are filled with waitresses and blackjack dealers, people with hard faces and bolo ties.

What you don't see are students. There just aren't many around. UNLV basketball is for the grown-ups, and that may be why no one makes much of a stink about the school's run-ins with the NCAA, why no one complained when it was announced that one of next year's signees was recruited from a juvenile detention home.

"For these people, this is strictly entertainment," a local columnist told me. "They'll support this team as long as it wins, but this town doesn't support losers."

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Players Best

1. Ron Harper, Miami of Ohio.
2. Johnny Dawkins, Duke.
3. Dell Curry, Virginia Tech.
4. Len Bias, Maryland.
5. Danny Manning, Kansas.

Most Exciting

1. Scott Skiles, Michigan State.
2. Tyrone Bogues, Wake Forest.
3. David Robinson, Navy.
4. Terrance Bailey, Wagner.
5. Jim McCaffrey, Holy Cross.

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Despite the grueling nature of his odyssey, Joe Rhodes still can smile while reflecting on the adventure.

There are already too many of those around."

● February 15, Oxford, O., Ball State at Miami—Ron Harper grew up in a Dayton, O., neighborhood where every kid had to prove how tough he was, where kids who couldn't stand up for themselves had little chance to survive. The kids there always made fun of him because he stuttered, laughed every time he tried to talk. So he simply stopped trying. Then they said he was a dummy and laughed at him anyway.

But that was before he started playing basketball, before he gained control of his gangly body and his amazingly long arms. "Once I started playing basketball, they couldn't touch me anymore," he said. "They could make fun of me during school time, but once we got on the court, it was different."

Because he stuttered and was shy, many colleges thought Harper wasn't very bright. Only Miami of Ohio was willing to take a chance. Miami enrolled him in a speech therapy program and, suddenly, he blossomed. He found that he could

talk to people, that he no longer was embarrassed in class.

Which made it almost secondary that Harper may have become the best college basketball player in the country, 6-foot-6 with grace, speed and moves as smooth as liquid smoke.

"Miami cared about me as a person, and that's what a school should be for," Harper said, hardly stuttering at all, "because some day the basketball stops bouncing."

● February 28, Birmingham, Ala., Sun Belt Conference Tournament—All right,

Sideline Antics Best Dancers

1. Lou Carnesecca, St. John's.
2. Mike Pollio, Virginia Commonwealth.

Goofiest Expressions

1. Shelby Metcalf, Texas A&M.
2. Wimp Sanderson, Alabama.

Crowds Best

1. Duke.
2. Wright State.

Most Obnoxious

1. Memphis State.
2. Oklahoma.

I've had it. I want to know why so many schools have bird costumes for their mascots whether it has anything to do with the team nickname or not.

I've seen it everywhere, guys in bird suits when the teams had names like Hurons and Redskins and Pioneers. At Hofstra, for instance, they're supposed to be the Flying Dutchmen. But for a mascot, they've got some guy in a duck suit. Was this a clerical error? Did the costume company think the order said "Flying Duckmen?" I need to know.

And now this. How does Alabama-Birmingham justify dressing up some guy in a chicken costume when the team is



While touring the country, Joe Rhodes slept in his van a few times, although he never slept on it.

called the Blazers? Then again, they probably didn't have much choice. It was this or a great big sport coat.

• March 12, Kansas City, the NAIA National Tournament—There had already been a botched national anthem, lines at the nacho stands, behind-the-back passes, a technical foul and a 35-foot jumper that swished through at the halftime buzzer. And it wasn't even 10 a.m.

The NCAA Tournament pales in comparison to this: 32 teams in one place, eight games a day for the first three days.

Meals

Favorite Restaurants

1. Full Moon Cafe, Emporia, Kan.
2. Junior's Delicatessen, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Worst Food

1. Anything served on an airplane.

Best Fast Food

1. Wendy's chicken sandwich on a whole grain bun.
2. Dairy Queen Blizzards.

The first one starts at 9:30 a.m. and the last one doesn't end until after midnight. This tournament has been played in Kansas City for 49 years, and there are people in the stands who have been here for every one. You can tell the pros, the ones who brought bags of groceries, coolers filled with drinks.

"And I got some cough drops," one of the old-timers, a man named Jess Hughes, was saying. "If you're gonna yell at the referees for eight games, you have got to have some cough drops."

• March 24, on the highway between Shreveport, La., and Dallas—It seems strange to end it this way, with nothing left but a three-hour drive on a straight stretch of highway. The Final Four is all that's left and then it will be over. I'm not sure what I've gotten out of all this, except for a troubling feeling that the game has gotten too big for its own good, that there are too many people interested in selling tickets and making money, in winning and losing above all else.

I can't help but think how much more fun the games were at the little places, at Yeshiva and Gallaudet and Emporia State. I hated the Carrier Dome, a place so big that the game gets swallowed up, as much as I loved the Palestra. But the Pa-

Games Best

1. Illinois 59, Georgia Tech 57.
2. Atlantic Christian 92, Waynesburg 89.

Worst

1. Long Island U. 100, City College of New York 76.
2. San Jose State 72, Long Beach State 62.

Best Shot

1. February 24, Eastern Illinois at Cleveland State, halftime, some guy makes one from halfcourt and wins a trip to the Bahamas.

lestras are few and far between. There's not much room for dusty old gyms anymore, places with kids in the lobbies and old men in the corners. That's too bad.

I wanted this trip to be a search for magic, for the charm and the romance of the game. I was looking for heroes and dreams come true. Those things are still out there, but it's hard to find them. My greatest fear is that it'll just get harder with every passing year. ■

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Brown-Manning Show Is Ready For Prime Time

By MIKE MCKENZIE

A newspaper cartoon showed up on one of the walls in Kansas Coach Larry Brown's office last spring.

It isn't as prominent as the artwork surrounding it—the photo of the 1964 Olympic Team on which Brown played and won a gold medal; the Leroy Nieman depiction of UCLA, where Brown once coached; the shot of Dean Smith, his mentor at North Carolina; the painting of the Jayhawks fast-breaking against archrival Kansas State, and the picture of Brown as a carrier in the 1984 Olympic torch run.

But the cartoon carries a message as loud as any in the sea of Kansas tradition, which is about to enter a new, raised stage. The cartoon depicts a sports announcer at courtside, completing an interview with a referee: "So there you have it, Brent—the man who finally stopped Danny Manning."

The barbed reference is to the last game of Kansas' 1986 season, a 71-67 loss to Duke in a Final Four semifinal contest last March in Dallas. Manning spent much of the game on the bench because of foul trouble, eventually fouling out with but four points to his credit.

That cartoon on Brown's wall probably elicited a few chuckles when it was printed. But Manning, for one, didn't laugh. The memory was—and still is—too painful.

"Worst game I ever played," he said, stretching his long, long legs seemingly across the entire width of his apartment near campus. "I don't like to talk about it much."

He'll have to. It doesn't matter that the Jayhawks finished with a 35-4 record, setting a school record for victories in a season. It doesn't matter that Brown has accumulated 83 victories in his first three



Kansas Coach Larry Brown (right) and star attraction Danny Manning.



The many faces of Kansas Coach Larry Brown.

years, the most in any three-year span of Kansas' golden-rich basketball history, which spans the likes of such coaches as James Naismith, the game's inventor, and Phog Allen, not to mention such players as Clyde Lovellette, Wilt Chamberlain and Jo Jo White.

No, all that is beside the point for the moment. People will want to harp on that last game. Where was Manning when the national title was on the line, a title won by a team, Louisville, that Kansas had defeated twice during the season?

"People can say whatever they want, that I'm not any good at this or that," Manning said. "But I *will* make it a plus factor."

Brown, however, can't hold back on the subject of the Duke game. For those who want to know where Manning was that spring afternoon, Brown has an answer: Right in the middle of some heavy-duty traffic.

"I didn't cry about it after the game," Brown said, "but I've watched the film over and over. Danny was fouled on every shot he took. Both arms. He had two phantom calls against him. Nobody could have played well in those circumstances."

"We never even talked about it. It was no disgrace to lose to a great team. But who's to say we wouldn't have been national champions if he didn't foul out?"

Brown and Manning both had a long

summer to mull over that question. Both have been on rehabilitation programs for gimpiness. They were limp-alongs soon after the season ended, taking trips together to a specialist in Columbia, Mo.

Brown underwent surgery to build a new left hip. Manning twisted his left knee in a pickup game. Surgery was not required, but the injury kept him off the U.S. team in the World Championships in Spain and almost completely off the court for the first time in his life.

But don't expect the setback to keep Manning down for any longer than it already has. A common belief persists among college basketball observers that from here on, through Manning's final two



years at Kansas (assuming he chooses to stay for the last one), nobody—fair or foul, spotted or striped—will stop Manning.

He well could be the premier player in the land. And many would argue that he plays for the premier coach in the land.

The Larry Brown Era began at Kansas three years ago. A few weeks after he was prodded away from the New Jersey Nets of the National Basketball Association, Brown hired Ed Manning, Danny's father, as a coach. Danny, then a senior attending high school in North Carolina, transferred to Lawrence High School and later committed to attend Kansas, thus spawning the Danny Manning Era. It's no coincidence that the Brown and Manning eras seem to be reaching their peaks at about the same time.

As a freshman, Manning averaged 14.6 points and 7.6 rebounds per game. He then averaged 16.7 points and 6.3 rebounds as a sophomore. In two seasons, the Jayhawks have won 61 out of 73 games, prompting Brown to say: "His contribution is not reflected by numbers. The effect he can have on whether you win or lose is great."

Yet the Manning Era is getting its true definition only this year. For all his prowess and achievement, Manning nevertheless has played in shadows much of his first two seasons. That's where he's most comfortable.

"It's hard to blend with the crowd," he said, smiling at the thought of somebody who stands 6-foot-11 hiding in a group, "but I try to."

Put that into the past tense. Another reason for the role of His Shyness was the presence of three seniors of NBA draft quality—Ron Kellogg, Calvin Thompson and Greg Dreiling—on those teams. But they're gone now, and Manning no longer can slide into the background.

"I appreciate what he wanted for the seniors," Brown said, "and he didn't push himself on people. He allowed all the attention to focus on others. But I think he's going to be more comfortable in the new role. With his personality, he didn't want to dominate. But he didn't realize how much the players, the seniors and all, respected him."

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Kansas

Danny Manning is a do-everything talent who will be expected to take the reins of the young Kansas team.

"His talent is obvious. To call him a complementary player would be cheating him."

Manning is as quick as most guards and possesses uncanny ball-handling skills, making him useful at virtually any position on the court. He has retained those skills even while bulking up to 218 pounds, a full 28 pounds more than his freshman year and 13 more than last year.

"I think I could play at 220 to 225 without losing any speed or quickness," he said.

As it turned out, this extra weight was a nice byproduct of his injury last summer. With his time on the court limited to shooting, Manning lifted weights and rode a stationary bicycle. And whenever possible he feasted on his mother's roast, fried chicken and desserts as well as macaroni and cheese and grilled steaks with his new apartment mate for this season, 6-10 center Sean Alvarado, a junior college recruit who once played at Drake.

"All things happen for the good," Ed Manning said. "Danny needed to beef up, and he did."


Physicians had told Manning that if he'd lay off, he wouldn't be laid up. He laid off—for a while. Then, during one of the seven youth basketball camps where he worked as a counselor over the summer, he playfully joined some youngsters in a game. The knee hurt. He laid off again, for good.

Manning enjoyed teaching the kids. He traveled to camps as far away as Nassau, N.Y., and Princeton, N.J., and as deep in the Kansas wheat fields as Holton, Hiawatha, Sabetha and Rossville.

"I worked with the kids, played little games with them, taught fundamentals," Manning said.

At the Nike-sponsored camp on the Princeton campus, Manning worked with more than 100 of the best high school players in the country.

"I kept score at their games, and then I talked to them about college life, study priorities, that sort of thing," said Manning, who is majoring in communications.



While Manning was resting his knee and tutoring kids, Brown spent a lot of time in a swimming pool, first running in place and eventually swimming in an effort to rehabilitate his hip. By summer's end he was playing some golf. "It was so hard mentally because I've always been so active," he said. He still traveled extensively, speaking at clinics and recruiting for 1987.

His surgery included bone grafts, deepening the socket in his hip and installing an artificial ball with four screws through which the bone can grow. "They also lengthened my leg and lined my legs up," he said. "I felt less pain immediately after surgery. I had gotten to where it hurt to cross my legs, tie my shoes, get in a car, plus I had an ugly limp."

Brown discovered that at 46, he was young for such surgery. "I was in rehab with 80-year-old ladies," he said. "I couldn't feel sorry for myself because one said she had two hip operations. After my surgery, three more people in Lawrence had the same thing done. I became like a poster child."

As summer wore on, Brown became more concerned about Manning's knee than his own hip. Already Kansas had lost forward

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Kansas

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Archie Marshall for the season because of a knee injury he suffered in the ill-fated Duke game. But Manning's knee appeared to be healing nicely, and the other holes on the squad didn't look too bad when he considered the influx of new talent he had acquired.

Alvarado, guard Kevin Pritchard and forwards Mark Randall and Keith Harris all are new on the Kansas campus this year, and all come with top credentials. And there are two players who redshirted last year, guard Milt Newton and forward Mark Pellock, who should intensify the competition for jobs.

"That's when you know a program is really special, when you have strong competition for jobs," Brown said. "In our third year we have as good a program as any in the country."

Brown said he doesn't think that will change this year, even with the Jayhawks returning only two starters (Manning and point guard Cedric Hunter) and two other players with significant playing time (forward Chris Piper and guard Mark Turgeon).

"If Archie was back and Danny not hurt, I'd be confident we'd be a damn good team," Brown said. "It's a little scary, but I think we're going to be really good. We've reloaded, not rebuilt. And I know we'll be fun to watch."

Said Manning: "If we play hard and listen to Coach Brown, we'll be a great team."

When he talks of his 1987 team, Brown's tanned face lights up. He talks of pressing on defense more and the "must" of scoring off of defense.

"Last year with the great shooters, we could outscore people," he said. "Not now. All our new people are expected to be good, but there is an adjustment period. And the key is, Danny is better prepared to carry the team at this stage of his career."

With the outstanding upperclassmen around, Brown didn't have to ask Manning to carry the Jayhawks as a freshman or sophomore, nor did he have to trumpet the youngster's arrival as that of the team's new franchise. Even now, Brown won't construct his team simply to inflate Manning's production. It's part of Brown's coaching philosophy that he not build a team around one man.

"I don't look to help the great player," Brown said. "The great player can do things for himself. And Danny can do it all."

"We have great passers, and players will look to him naturally. The others need the help. Great ones make the others better. Even so, I assume Danny will score more because of our style of play changing."

"Last year others deserved a certain



Larry Brown's greatest attribute is his ability to produce winners.

amount of shots. Our defense will create more opportunities for Danny now, plus he'll accept responsibility for taking more shots."

Brown counseled Manning in the off-season about becoming a more aggressive rebounder and ball handler.

"The way he can move he has to put the ball on the floor more from 18 feet and drive," Brown said. "I'm really excited about his new role. His talent is obvious, and I'm confident he'll work; he's not afraid of it. He's showed that with the weights, which he doesn't like but he understands. When people expect you to be the best, you have that responsibility to work on your game."

Brown speaks from experience when he talks about being the best. He has been among the game's best coaches—both pro and college—over the last 14 years. None of his teams has ever finished with a losing record.

Brown learned how to win as Smith's All-Atlantic Coast Conference point guard at North Carolina. He spent five solid seasons in the American Basketball Association before getting his first head coaching job with the ABA's Carolina Cougars. After two years with Carolina and not quite five with Denver, which had been absorbed by the NBA by the time of his departure, Brown resigned in midseason to take over for Gary Cunningham at UCLA. Two years later he was back in the NBA, coaching New Jersey. His Nets were about to go to the playoffs when he abruptly resigned just before the end of his second season to take the Kansas job.

By the time Brown made his last couple of moves, critics were crying that he was unstable, that he would never show loyalty to any one organization by sticking around. But after three years at Kansas,

Brown is relieved that, finally, that haunting refrain seems to have died to a minor echo.

"I really believe people have put that to rest about me not staying," Brown said last summer, after his name had been linked to coaching jobs with the New York Knicks and the Indiana Pacers in previous months. In neither case was Brown interested.

Pacers General Manager Donnie Walsh, a longtime friend of Brown's, made no secret that the Indiana job was Brown's if he wanted it. Brown didn't even honor the notion with an interview trip. Earlier in the year, Brown's name had appeared daily in the New York media—which he openly considers detestable—about him going to the Knicks. Those unfounded rumors were fueled when his wife, Barbara, went to work at an advertising agency in New York City after she obtained her journalism degree at Kansas in May.

Larry and Barbara, who have built a house in Lawrence, commute back and forth as frequently as possible. In the meantime, Brown has become quite attached to the campus community.

"I love the college atmosphere, the closeness to our supporters, and I love teaching the young players," Brown said. "I'll evaluate the situation here in 1988."

Despite the accusations about Brown's mobility, no one can argue with his success. His five-year college record—two at UCLA, three at Kansas—is a stunning 125-39 (.762 winning percentage). All five of his teams have gone to the NCAA Tournament, advancing to the Final Four twice (his 1980 UCLA team lost to Louisville in the finals) and posting an 11-5 playoff record. He compiled a 446-265 record (.627) in nine pro seasons. Five of his teams won

division championships.

Among them was his first Carolina team, which featured a forward named Ed Manning. They maintained a friendship through the years, and so it was not a total surprise when Brown added Manning to the Jayhawk staff.

But some basketball fans thought the hiring looked a bit fishy. After all, Manning's previous employment before taking the Kansas job was as a truck driver. And Brown revised the job description so that Manning, who did not have a college degree, would qualify. It seemed to many that Brown was hiring Ed in order to get Danny, the nation's top prep recruit, to attend Kansas.

Brown still gets rankled when that episode is recounted. He said people simply don't understand the full story of getting the Mannings to Kansas.

Manning had coached at North Carolina A&T as an assistant for one year—his only coaching experience—when the staff was fired. He took a truck-driving job, which paid well, out of necessity. Then he had heart bypass surgery and couldn't drive anymore. Knowing that Manning wanted to get back into coaching and that they would have a good working relationship based on their past experience, Brown offered him the job.

"Ed got the opportunity to coach here because I knew what kind of individual he

was and how much he cares about the kids," Brown said at the time. "The way he played was typical of the way he coached. He was always unselfish and did anything the coach asked."

The issue was hardly a scandal, although folks in North Carolina were mighty upset that Danny wouldn't be attending an in-state school. As for Ed and Danny, both Mannings shrug off any implied shadiness.

"We know the truth, and Coach Brown knows," Danny said, "so people can say whatever they want."

In any case, the Mannings became Jayhawks, and they appear quite content in the Heartland, where the Brown and Manning families remain close friends.

"What I like best about Danny," Brown said, "is he's a regular kid. There are times, like any kid, he upsets me. Deep down he wants to do things right. He's not a goody-goody, and that's what is fun. To be honest, he's at every campus bar with the other students, he likes the girls, all the regular things."

"He doesn't try to take advantage of who he is. His family has done a great job with him."

Brown said he hopes that Manning, who is outgoing among his peers but comes across as quiet and withdrawn publicly, will become a more vocal leader "if he's comfortable with it."

Manning said he is.

"I see myself as a real team leader, leading by example," he said. "I'm ready for it."

He still prefers the spotlight to swing to others equally, but he's realistic enough to know where it will be focused most often.

"Anybody who knows about basketball knows one man cannot be the whole team," he said. "Others might not get as much recognition, but they're great ball players."

And in one sense he welcomes the attention.

"It's something we need in the Big Eight, not just at Kansas," he said.

In fact, some forecasters have even picked Kansas to finish second in the league to Oklahoma, with Iowa State also ranking as a contender. Manning relishes that, too.

"That's great they're picking Oklahoma," Manning said, "because I'd rather sit back and not be on the top seat. It should help us if fans aren't expecting quite as much. But I'm having a lot of fun right now with people scampering over this year and saying we're going to be good again in '88."

"I tell them: 'You don't understand. We're going to be good again *this* year.' We're ready." ■

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SHOE WARS

Companies Are Fighting Battles Over Coaches' Promotional Contracts

By ROLAND LAZENBY

There's a stink being raised over college basketball shoes these days, and it has nothing to do with dirty socks and sweaty feet.

It has to do with the big money of coaches' endorsement contracts and allegations that the aggressive marketing of shoe companies is eroding what's left of the integrity of the amateur athlete.

In case you haven't noticed, the recent spate of scandals in college sports has school administrators and fans taking a closer look at the way intercollegiate athletics operate. One of the more controversial items is the coaches' promotional contracts with shoe companies. The writ-

ten clauses in a coach's shoe contract call for him to appear at shoe company clinics, to serve as a technical adviser on design and generally to help promote the company's products.

The unwritten clause is an understanding that the coach will have his players wear the company's shoes (and socks) displaying a company logo, thereby giving the shoe manufacturer priceless public exposure when those players appear on television, in newspaper photographs and on the covers of national magazines.

According to Bob Gibbons, a recruiting guide publisher and scouting service operator, the promotions system has even ex-

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tended to the high school ranks, where the top coaches with the top players in their programs receive handsome benefits.

"It troubles me to see high school coaches selling their kids to the highest bidder," said Gibbons, who is perhaps the most vocal critic of the network of shoe promotions. "But it's happened for a long, long time."

Critics charge that the amateur basketball player has become little more than a fashion model for the likes of Nike, Converse, Reebok, Adidas, Puma and any of the other dozen companies fighting for a share of the \$750 million basketball shoe market.

"Now the athletic administrators can no longer afford to ignore the fact that this is taking place," said Dick Kazmaier, a former Heisman Trophy winner who sits on the board of Puma USA. "In the past, most administrators ignored (problems raised by shoe contracts) because they wanted to keep their coaches happy."

At its annual January convention, the NCAA will look at several proposals to limit the income coaches receive outside their contracts with the schools. Some shoe companies also give coaches other perks, such as trips to Hawaii with their wives.

"At the very least there should be disclosure (of coaches' income and perks) so university presidents know what's going on," said Lew Cryer, commissioner of the Pacific Coast Athletic Association and a member of the NCAA Council Subcommittee on Coaches' Outside Income.

Jack Doland, president of McNeese State and another subcommittee member, agreed.

"It's a touchy subject," he said. "Whether there is anything we can do, I don't know. But I'm sure there will be some legislation. We have to see that institutional integrity is upheld."

John Morgan, basketball shoe product manager for Reebok, said the shoe business is being swept up in this broader movement to clean up college athletics.

"They're looking for scapegoats," Morgan said of the critics of shoe promotions.

"College basketball is under a microscope now. A year from now things will calm down."

There is, however, an indication that permanent change is sweeping ahead of anything the NCAA and college administrators are thinking of doing. The office of the Virginia attorney general has issued the opinion that coaches at state-supported schools with shoe contracts are violating state conflict-of-interest laws.

As a result, Virginia Coach Terry Holland no longer has a shoe contract with Puma. Instead, the university put the shoe contract out to bid. Puma won the bid for men's basketball, football and baseball. Nike supplies the shoes for Virginia's women's programs and several minor sports. But the university controls all funding and arrangements.

Some administrators want the NCAA to follow the example set by Virginia.

"Our players could end up looking like stock cars," South Carolina Athletic Director Bob Marcum said. "I don't really think that's what people want to see out of college athletics."

"The shoe contracts have gotten out of hand. There's only one way to get them back in hand: Return the process to the university's purchasing system. The shoe companies should submit bids to the universities."

Marcum said he also believes the NCAA should take additional measures to control the use of corporate logos on athletic equipment.

Walter Byers, the NCAA's executive director, has strong feelings about the issue.

"I think it is a contradiction," Byers said last December, "that a coach can get paid substantial amounts of money by requiring his players to wear a particular brand of shoe, and the players cannot take any compensation from that contract. I think the money belongs to the institution because the institution makes the program possible and is responsible for it."

Even a segment of the shoe industry admits to misgivings about the current means of promotions. Kazmaier, who is also president of the National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame, said Puma has not found an economic advantage in giving college coaches large sums of money. Puma seems to be backing away

from renewing large contracts.

Joe Dean Sr., a Converse promotions executive, conceded some uneasiness about the ethics of shoe promotions.

"I have a little bit of a problem with this coach taking money and forcing his kids to wear a product," Dean said. "I do it, but it bothers me a little."

John (Sonny) Vaccaro, the basketball shoe promotions executive for Nike, disagreed, saying he doesn't believe coaches are forcing athletes to wear a brand of shoes. In essence, the contract is only for clinics and consulting, Vaccaro said. He pointed out that Syracuse players wore Nikes last season, but guard Dwayne (Pearl) Washington chose to wear Reeboks during Playboy's All-America team picture.

Syracuse Coach Jim Boeheim, who is under contract to Nike, acknowledged his disappointment with Washington's decision.

"But there's no stipulation that the players have to wear the shoes, on or off the court," Boeheim told reporters. "I would have rather had Dwayne wearing the Nikes and so would've Nike, but we didn't think of it. I get money from Nike for conducting clinics, not for my players wearing their shoes."

Billy Packer, a basketball analyst for CBS, also defends the system.

"I don't think there's anything unethical about a coach taking money for a shoe endorsement," Packer said.

Auburn Coach Sonny Smith put it this way: "What's the difference in that (accepting money from a shoe company) and a professor writing a book and getting royalties from it? What's the difference from a professor being a consultant? It's no different from a college president serving on a company's board of directors."

James Martin, Auburn's president, did not agree with his coach.

"I don't think it equates with that," Martin said. "A history professor who writes a book has contributed knowledge or insight generated by that professor. An individual who serves on a board of directors can contribute to the overall policy and decision-making of the company. I don't think a coach has contributed in that way."

Dean said that many coaches agree with him and Martin, "but the money's



there, and the coaches are going to take it," he said.

There was a time, Dean said, when the basketball shoe business was a "laid-back, grass-roots affair," when Converse promoters had relationships with coaches that cost no more than a pat on the back and a free meal.

The hot product of the 1950s and '60s, as most baby boomers will recall, was Converse's Chuck Taylor autograph canvas shoes. Across America, from the Boston Celtics on down to the local high school teams, the canvas "Chucks" were a symbol of the accomplished athlete. Every 11-year-old just knew that if he wore a pair of those, he was on his way, if not to the National Basketball Association, at least to playing time and glory with the local varsity.

"We knew that if through friendship with a coach we could get his players to wear Converse products, we would be successful," Dean said. "The kids wear what they see. They want to wear what the big boys wear."

That simple truth was the basis for the Converse start in the promotions business. "We were the pioneers," Dean said.

To comprehend the marketing innocence of the 1950s and '60s, consider this. The Boston Celtics *paid* for the black high-tops they wore in winning most of their early championships.

"We sold shoes, we didn't give them away," said Dean, a Converse promoter for more than 25 years. "We sold 240 pair each year to the St. Louis Hawks."

Over the last 15 years, the shoe industry has undergone a complete reversal, and nothing better illustrates that than Loyola Marymount, where Reebok recently signed Coach Paul Westhead for a reported \$25,000. Certainly Westhead, a former Los Angeles Lakers and Chicago Bulls coach, plans to build a following at the school, but Loyola traditionally has had trouble attracting crowds of 1,500 to home games and gets little media exposure.

"It's unreal," a shoe company executive said of Reebok's spending. "They're crazy."

As crazy as it seems, the reasoning is simple. Reebok is plump with cash from profits on its other popular lines of shoes, which have gotten plugs from such unlikely sources as Mick Jagger, who wore Reeboks in his "Dancin' in the Streets" video

with David Bowie, and Cybill Shepherd, who wore orange fluorescent high-tops with her strapless black velvet evening gown at the Emmy awards ceremony. Since January 1, 1986, Reebok has moved aggressively into the lucrative basketball shoe market.

Reebok awarded its biggest contract to Maryland's Lefty Driesell this season. The merit of that move was questionable, however, following a grand jury probe stemming from Len Bias' drug-induced death. Driesell left Nike and a contract worth about \$70,000 per year for a six-figure deal (including incentives) with Reebok.

Morgan, the Reebok product manager, denies that the company is spending wildly. The company will continue to hire coaches and pro players to build a following in basketball shoes, Morgan said, but the company is not on a spending binge.

"Yes, we are hiring coaches," the Reebok executive said. "Why? Because we need credibility. We want to develop a good, hard core of basketball players who purchase our shoes for competition. In grades seven to 12, there are approximately 18 million students out there participating in basketball. That's the market group everybody wants to reach."

New shoe competitors have used that strategy frequently over the last decade to gain respectability and a chunk of the basketball market.

Dean said the first big change in shoe promotions came at the 1968 Olympics in Mexico when Adidas worked its way into the market by giving shoes to athletes. Nike opened things up a bit more in the mid-'70s by paying athletes and coaches to endorse shoes.

"Nike came in and started paying," Dean said. "We had to match it, and we did. Today, I spend a lot of money in basketball because it's big business. I spend several million, although not all of that goes to coaches. We also put on clinics for high school coaches to show them our lines."

Nike was particularly free with its cash in the early part of this decade, starting what industry analysts describe as a frenzied bidding war for the services of pro players.

After the bidding war for the pros, shoe executives decided the college teams were fertile grounds for promotions. Suddenly, college basketball became very

hot.

The bidding propelled the big-name coaches into six-figure endorsement contracts. According to industry sources and published reports, Kansas' Larry Brown is paid \$150,000 by Puma; Indiana's Bob Knight gets \$100,000 from Adidas; Nike pays North Carolina State's Jim Valvano, Kentucky's Eddie Sutton and Georgetown's John Thompson about \$100,000 each, and Converse offers the same kind of money to Denny Crum at Louisville and Dean Smith at North Carolina.

Just under that rung is Duke's Mike Krzyzewski, who is said to get \$70,000 from Adidas. Georgia Tech's Bobby Cremins, Tennessee's Don DeVoe and Illinois' Lou Henson reportedly receive \$60,000 each from Converse, while Dale Brown's unwritten agreement with Converse nets him about \$40,000 at Louisiana State. The contracts for most coaches at large Division I schools range between \$25,000 and \$70,000.

Not all of this money is being pocketed by the coaches, however. Knight gives all of his money to the Indiana University Foundation, and Smith gives half of his shoe contract proceeds to North Carolina. But many coaches depend on the paychecks to boost their personal income.

The big payoff for shoe companies comes each March when the NCAA Tournament provides untold millions in free advertising. At the 1985 Final Four in Lexington, Ky., Nike and Vaccaro could do a little gloating as all four teams wore Nikes.

But the feast became a famine at the '86 Final Four in Dallas, where Nike was shut out. Two teams sported Converse (Louisville and LSU), Duke wore Adidas and Kansas players had on Pumas.

"This is the best advertising you can have," Puma promotions manager York Larose told reporters at the time. "You're going to find millions of people watching the Final Four."

Hungry for a share of that spotlight, Reebok has skyrocketed in a few short months to the No. 4 company in the field of a dozen or so basketball shoe manufacturers.

Morgan, a Nike employee for 14 years before moving to Reebok, figures that Nike owns about 40 percent of the mar-

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ket, with Converse holding 20 percent and Adidas about 12. On the strength of its other popular athletic shoes, Reebok has garnered nearly 10 percent in a little over six months, Morgan said.

Other industry analysts suggested that Morgan was being coy, that Reebok has gulped an even larger share of the market, which could indicate another mad campaign in the bidding war.

Morgan denied that, suggesting that the company plans aggressive but controlled expansion.

"Basically, Reebok has been in the basketball business since January 1," he said. "We've sold a lot of basketball shoes to date and spent very little money.

"We're not spending wildly. I was with Nike 14 years and saw them do that. You get to the point where you're not getting anything back for the money you spend."

Still, in a few months Reebok has gone from no coaches on contract to having nearly two dozen, including Driesell, Johnny Orr at Iowa State and Gary Williams at Ohio State. As Puma backs away

from its coaching contracts, including Walt Hazzard at UCLA, Reebok moves in. The other shoe manufacturers definitely feel the presence of a new bidder.

"Reebok's put a crunch on everybody that's in this business," Converse's Dean said.

When asked what causes his company to lose contracts with coaches who have represented Converse for years, Dean said: "It's money. When a guy leaves, it's always over money. Our relationship with coaches used to be a matter of friendship, loyalty. They appreciated the things we did for the game."

Converse refuses to engage in a tug-of-war over coaches and instead relies on loyalty, Dean said. Despite the money being thrown around, Dean said some coaches have remained loyal.

For example, Cremins has been a long-time Converse promoter, but Cremins' lawyer recently phoned several shoe companies seeking bids for the Georgia Tech coach's new contract.

"I bid zero," Dean said he told the lawyer.

The lawyer said Cremins wanted Converse involved. Dean said he told the lawyer he would be happy to arrange a deal

with Cremins but that he would not bid against the other companies.

"Against his lawyer's advice, Bobby Cremins called me the next day and said he wanted to be with Converse," Dean said. "We worked out the arrangements without bids. I treated him fair."

Converse also recently bumped heads with Nike over the Kentucky shoe contract. When Sutton got the Wildcats' coaching job, he continued his long affiliation with Nike, the only problem being that for about half a century the Wildcats had worn Converse.

Even worse, Al Harden, father of former Kentucky point guard Roger Harden, is a Converse executive. To work around an uncomfortable situation, Sutton allowed Harden (a senior last season) to wear Converse while the rest of the team wore Nikes.

The indications are that Converse, the No. 2 manufacturer, may be just a bit squeezed from matching the aggressive promotions of No. 1 Nike while taking on the hard-charging new entry into the field, Reebok. Converse was recently sold for \$160 million to Interco Inc., a St. Louis-based company.

Surprisingly, Dean said he and other Converse executives don't pine for the days when they had the market cornered with "Chucks."

"No one longs for those days at all," he said. "We were just a little company struggling along to do \$25 million a year in business. Now we do \$250 million a year. And that's a great point about free enterprise. Competition stimulates business."

Still, he's not opposed to toning down the spending, either.

"Why shouldn't the schools and coaches share the revenues?" Dean said. "The schools are the ones sponsoring the sports programs in the first place."

But Nike's Vaccaro pointed out that shoe companies were neither the first nor the only source of outside income for coaches. Schools were involved in outside income for their coaches long before shoe companies ever came on the scene, he said.

"Boosters and people put coaches into all kinds of business deals," he said. "Houses. Real estate. Investments. The colleges have been using those things for years to supplement coaches' incomes."

Any proposed changes to the current system of promotions contracts would only hurt the schools and coaches, Vaccaro said. Nike and the other companies will still make, promote and sell large numbers of shoes.

Reebok's Morgan agreed. If anything, a tightening of the rules for colleges and high schools would make the NBA market heat up again, Morgan said.

"It'll force a war at the pro level like you've never seen before," he said.

For critics of the current system, that's just where the war belongs—with the pros ■

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What They Are Wearing

(Following is an alphabetical listing of prominent schools categorized by the sneakers their players are expected to wear this season)

Adidas

American, Brigham Young, Brown, Duke, Fullerton State, Indiana, Lafayette, Louisiana Tech, Pacific, San Diego, Temple, Washington, Weber State

Converse

Air Force, Alabama, Appalachian State, Arkansas-Little Rock, Auburn, Bucknell, UC-Irvine, Canisius, Central Michigan, Clemson, Colorado, Detroit, Duquesne, Eastern Illinois, East Tennessee State, Evansville, Florida, Fresno State, Furman, Georgia State, Georgia Tech, Hawaii, Houston, Illinois, Illinois State, James Madison, Kansas State, Lafayette, La Salle, Louisiana State, Louisville, Loyola of Chicago, Marshall, McNeese State, Michigan State, Mississippi State, Montana, Nevada-Reno, New Mexico, New Orleans, North Carolina, Northeast Louisiana, Northern Arizona, Northern Iowa, Oklahoma, Oral Roberts, Pepperdine, Princeton, Providence, Rice, St. Joseph's, St. Mary's, Samford, Santa Clara, South Alabama, South Carolina, Southern Illinois, Southern Mississippi, Southwest Missouri State, Stanford, Tennessee, UT-Chattanooga, Tennessee Tech, Texas, Texas-El Paso, Texas Tech, Toledo, Utah, Utah State, Vanderbilt, Virginia Commonwealth, Virginia Tech, Washington State, Western Carolina, Western Michigan, West Virginia, Wichita State, William & Mary, Wisconsin, Wyoming

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Ball State

Kangaroos

Arkansas State, North Texas State, St. Louis

Nike

Akron, Alabama-Birmingham, Alcorn State,

Arizona, Army, California, UC-Santa Barbara, Cleveland State, Colorado State, Columbia, Connecticut, Creighton, Dartmouth, Davidson, Dayton, Eastern Michigan, Fairfield, Florida State, George Mason, Georgetown, Georgia, Hofstra, Indiana State, Iona, Iowa, Jacksonville, Kentucky, Lamar, Long Beach State, Memphis State, Miami (Fla.), Miami of Ohio, Michigan, Middle Tennessee State, Minnesota, Morehead State, Nebraska, Nevada-Las Vegas, New Mexico State, North Carolina State, UNC Wilmington, Northern Illinois, Ohio, Oregon, Oregon State, Portland, Purdue, Richmond, St. Bonaventure, St. Francis (Pa.), St. John's, St. Peter's, San Diego State, San Jose State, Seton Hall, Southern California, Stetson, Syracuse, Texas A&M, Texas Christian, Texas-San Antonio, Tulsa, Virginia Military Institute, Wagner, Western Kentucky.

Pony

Arkansas, Boston College, Chicago State, Citadel, Marquette, Navy, Notre Dame, Old Dominion, Pittsburgh, San Francisco, Southern Methodist, Wake Forest, Xavier.

Puma

Baylor, Centenary, DePaul, George Washington, Houston Baptist, Kansas, Massachusetts, Mississippi Valley State, Missouri, Pennsylvania, Rutgers, Villanova, Virginia.

Reebok

Arizona State, Boston University, Bowling Green State, East Carolina, Fordham, Hartford, Harvard, Holy Cross, Iowa State, Loyola Marymount, Marist, Maryland, Murray State, Niagara, UNC Charlotte, Northeastern, Northwestern, Ohio State, Oklahoma State, Portland, Yale.

Undecided

Bradley, Cincinnati, Drake, Mississippi, Pan American, Penn State, Rhode Island, South Florida, Southwestern Louisiana, UCLA.

NEVER NERVOUS

P E R V I S

By BRUCE W. BRANCH

There's a series of commercials on TV that features noted personalities talking about their success formulas. They all agree that the key point is "never let them see you sweat."

Don't be surprised if you see Louisville's star center appearing in such an ad somewhere down the line. He would be a perfect spokesman for the product.

After one season under the intense glare of the media spotlight, Pervis (Never Nervous) Ellison proved that he could stay cool under the most trying circumstances. As a freshman last year, Ellison led Louisville to the NCAA championship, scoring 25 points, grabbing 11 rebounds and blocking two shots in the championship game against Duke. In so doing, he was named the Final Four's most outstanding player, an award bestowed on a freshman for the first time.

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Louisville sophomore Pervis Ellison is the type of player who can control a game, as he proved in the 1986 NCAA championship encounter with Duke.

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since Utah's Arnie Ferrin received it in 1944.

All the while, Never Nervous Pervis stayed as cool as a jar of lemonade in a Georgia cornfield as the media showered accolades upon him. Although Louisville opponents will tell you otherwise, Ellison likes to think he is more ordinary than extraordinary.

"I think it was basically a typical freshman year," said the 6-foot-9, 205-pound Ellison, who averaged 13.1 points and 8.2 re-

bounds per game. "If you look around the country, all of the top (freshman) players—Tom Hammonds (Georgia Tech), Ricky Calloway (Indiana), Charles Shackleford (North Carolina State)—had basically the same statistics.

"I guess the difference with me was I had a better team around me. I had players that played together and we accomplished our goal."

In fact, Ellison did more than his share in helping the Cardinals win their second championship in the last seven years. But his main concern right now is simply adjusting to becoming a full-fledged part of the team as a sophomore.

"I'm comfortable with my status," he

said. "The entire team is put in superstar status in this community. That's another reason I came here, because everybody seemed to love the team."

Now, everyone in Louisville loves Pervis. Barring injury, complacency or a sudden change in hat size, Ellison should do for Louisville what other franchise players—Pat Ewing, Ralph Sampson and Akeem Olajuwon, to name a few—did for their schools. The Cardinals should be a national contender every year Ellison remains in Louisville.

Such expectations may be enough to scare the bejabbers out of most 19-year-old phenoms, but Ellison, who ranks with Navy's David Robinson and Kansas' Danny Manning as one of the nation's top three big men, isn't worried.

"Pervis has always been the kind of kid who set very high goals for himself," said Ron Love, Ellison's coach at Savannah High School in Georgia. "He's a very humble person, he's got a good head on his shoulders, and his parents are very influential with him. So I don't think (high expectations) are going to be a factor with him. He's in a program where they will control things and keep everything in perspective."

Last summer, however, there was some indication of complacency. Ellison and teammate Tony Kimbro were sent home early from tryouts for the team that would represent the United States at the World Championships in Spain. Arizona's Lute Olson, coach of the U.S. team, said the players were sent home because of their unauthorized absences from two practices. Ellison and Kimbro both claimed they had viruses.

"I guess they (Ellison and Kimbro) weren't too hungry after winning the championship," said Armon Gilliam, a Nevada-Las Vegas forward who made the team.

Ellison had little to say on the subject. "I had a virus," he said when pressed by reporters. "I'm not hurt because I didn't make the team."

If, in fact, Ellison was becoming complacent at that point, it didn't last long. After recovering from an off-season operation to remove painful bone spurs from his foot, Ellison played every day in Louisville summer leagues. Few of his teammates joined him. He also embarked on a weight-lifting program that should add some bulk to his slender frame. He has added 10 pounds since coming to Louisville, but he would like to get even bigger, although not at the risk of sacrificing quickness.

"I think Coach (Denny) Crum knows I need to put on more weight," Ellison said. "They're trying to take it gradual. They don't want to rush things. You can only put so much weight on a player."

Ellison also made a conscious effort last summer to improve specific aspects of his game.

"I think my shot will look a lot different next season," said Ellison, who sank 55.4 percent of his field-goal attempts last

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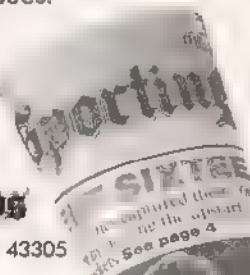
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year. "This year I was watching the ball all the way to the rim instead of concentrating on the rim. I was throwing up a knuckleball. I'm getting better rotation on the ball. They went through, but I only shot 68 percent from the free-throw line. I think that will improve quite a bit.

"I'd also like to improve defensively. Take David Robinson. He blocked 207 shots and I only had 92. . . I think I can definitely improve in that area.

"I'll be playing some forward, so I have to get used to playing guys out on the floor instead of under the basket. I need to work on moving my feet on defense."

None of Ellison's teammates questions his work ethic.

"On the court, he's all business," sophomore guard Kevin Walls said. "The most important thing is he wants to win, and he will do anything to help his team win.

"Pervis works very hard, and if you're loafing or if you make a dumb mistake, he'll let you know it. He's just a great guy to have on your team."

Ellison knows he has talent. He can hit the 15-footer, stick opponents' shots back in their face, soar to the basket for a slam-dunk and run the court with the grace of a gazelle. But Ellison, a private person, won't tell you that. He'll just show you.

"Pervis not only thinks he's good," Crum said, "he works hard every time he's out on the floor to make sure everybody else knows it, too, and that's a rare quality. Everybody doesn't have that drive."

Ellison and his teammates will need that kind of drive to survive (and thrive) this season. They now must live in the same pressure cooker that burned 1985 NCAA champion Villanova and 1984 winner Georgetown. The demands are such that no team has repeated as NCAA champion since UCLA captured the last of seven consecutive titles in 1973.

"Coach has been telling us that after they won it in 1980, they were 2-7 (to start the season), so I think one of our goals this season will be to get off to a good start," Ellison said. "Most of the excitement of winning the title is past now. Every now and then you'll hear somebody say we had a good season, but nobody thinks about it much anymore. We're looking forward to next year. How many people do you hear talking about Villanova?"

"I think you'll see us come out a little harder because all of the coaches have learned you have to play a little harder following a championship."

The same principle holds true for Ellison, who will have to work harder just to achieve the same results as last year. He is a marked man, by both opponents and fans. Opponents will be dedicated to stopping him, while his coaches and boosters will be expecting double-figure scoring and rebounding performances, game in and game out.

But again, these expectations don't faze Never Nervous Pervis.

"Most of the time last year when I went down on the blocks, I got double-teamed," Ellison said. "Once I was up top, that's a position where you can't double-team a man because he's looking down and he can see either way. With the position I'll be playing, it's going to be very difficult to double-team me."

If Ellison progresses as expected, he should rank among the game's all-time great collegiate big men by the time he's through. Looking back over the last decade, Ellison's freshman statistics were comparable to those posted as freshmen by Ewing, Sampson, Olajuwon and the other great centers.

As a freshman, Ellison outscored Ewing, Olajuwon, Robinson, Sam Bowie, Kevin McHale, Joe Barry Carroll and Bill Cartwright, Sampson and Steve Stipanovich each bettered Ellison's 13.1 average by about 1½ points. But Ellison outbounded all but Sampson on that list. You have to go back to the days of Lew Alcindor and Bill Walton at UCLA to find rookie centers who posted significantly better numbers than Ellison—and those two did not compete on the varsity until they were sophomores.

And except for Alcindor and Walton, none of those guys led his club to the NCAA title.

"He's not going to be a kid who never has a bad game," Crum said, "but he's very much like Rodney (former Louisville star Rodney McCray) in that he has a good understanding of the game. He plays hard, and he has things you can't teach such as quickness, reactions, anticipation and intensity."

Perhaps the highest compliment came from former Louisville guard Phil Bond, a stalwart on the Cardinals' 1975 Final Four team.

"If we had had a guy like Pervis," Bond said, "we would have probably won the championship three years. It just amazed me that a player that young could be so good."

What's been happening lately to players who are so young and so good is a quick departure from college to seek fame and fortune in the National Basketball Association. There's little doubt that Ellison will wind up in the NBA eventually.

No player coached by Crum has ever left college early to turn pro, but Ellison doesn't count out the possibility that he will be the first.

"At this particular time, I'm a couple of hours ahead of the rate I need to graduate," the criminal justice major said. "If I stay along those lines and I have a chance to graduate with my class, I think I'll still be here. But if during the season I have to slack off and I come to the conclusion that there is no way I can graduate within four years, then maybe I will think about it. Once I'm in the NBA, I can always come back and finish in summer school."

But don't get the idea that Ellison is only mildly interested in his education. He is a model student and takes school

seriously, which explains his stance on several issues regarding the image of collegiate athletics.

Ellison supports NCAA Bylaw 5-1-(j), the controversial new rule (also known as Proposition 48) that sets minimum grade and test-score standards for incoming freshman athletes.

"Proposition 48 is a good rule because the same rules are required for every school," he said.

Ellison also sees no reason why athletes shouldn't fare as well in school as other students.

"I don't think our schedules are too strenuous," he said. "If you take the typical student here, he works a job. That's just like us playing basketball. It's basically the same thing. Once October 15 rolls around, we have classes six hours a day, three hours of study hall and four hours of basketball. It may be a little harder for athletes because we're on the road a lot."

Ellison, who doesn't drink or smoke, also favors the testing of collegiate athletes for drugs.

"I guess it affects different people in different ways," Ellison said. "I'm all for it because they can test me any day at any time. I'm one of the lucky ones. No, let me change that: I think I'm one of the majority who don't use drugs."

"You take Magic Johnson; I don't think he or Larry Bird uses drugs. You look at all of the names up at the top, and I don't think any of those guys use drugs. If you want to be at the top, then you can't do it. But if you want to be like everybody else, then you make your choice."

Love said it was no accident that his former high school star developed these convictions.

"You don't get a kid with Pervis' work habits and dedication unless there's a very solid family background," the coach said. "You have to give his parents credit. They did a good job of raising him."

Ellison agreed.

"My family has had a lot of influence," said Pervis, the youngest of four children. "All three of my sisters graduated from high school, and two went on to college. The youngest one graduated recently from Georgia Tech. I think because high standards were placed on everybody, I got my morals and my values in order. I know what I want in life."

And he knows how he would like to be remembered.

"I'd like people to remember me," he said, "as a person who didn't do anything wrong in society, as a person who had his moral values in order. I want people to remember me as a person who reached his goal."

Never Nervous Pervis doesn't really care whether he lives up to his nickname.

"Nicknames don't mean anything," he said. "Oh, I get nervous sometimes. But you have to go off the court for me to get nervous."

That revelation doesn't console Ellison's opponents at all. This year, they'll be the ones sweating. ■

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Paul Evans Accepts Pittsburgh Challenge

By PHIL AXELROD

Paul Evans, a man of sound mind and a basketball coach of sound principles, left a cushy job at the U.S. Naval Academy, where the players say "Yes sir" and "No sir," to take over a troubled program at Pittsburgh, where the players come from the "Me Generation."

Leaving behind college basketball's most dominant big man and a team of overachievers destined to make its third straight trip to the NCAA Tournament, Evans inherits a team of former high school stars whose press clippings are yellowed and whose reputations are frayed.

Coaching at Pitt will provide different problems for Evans, whose previous jobs have been at low-key Navy and even lower-key Division III St. Lawrence in Canton, N.Y.

The 41-year-old Evans came to Pitt with the reputation of being a disciplinarian, but it's one thing to keep future naval officers in tow and quite another challenge to keep future pro prospects in line.

"I don't think I'm going to change," Evans said. "Kids are kids; they want to be disciplined. I think I could have stayed at Navy and won 20 games a year, but my ambition is to take a team to the Final Four."

"I like challenges," Evans added with a crooked half-smile. "I can come in here and pretty much do what I want because they had problems before. It's a situation where the tail won't wag the dog."

It's a situation fraught with frustration because the Panthers seem to be long on talent and short on discipline. They were a major disappointment last season, losing nine of their last 11 games to finish 15-14 and in sixth place in the Big East Conference after being picked to challenge for the title.

"There's pressure to win wherever you coach," said Evans, who spent most of his summer wooing the members of the Golden Panthers, the school's booster club. "I know the people who hired me expect me to win. I expect to win, too."

The Panthers stopped winning last year after Roy Chipman resigned in mid-December amid allegations by a Villanova freshman, Doug West, that a Pitt booster had offered him \$10,000 to play for the Panthers.

"Maybe I made a mistake announcing that I was going to resign during the season," said Chipman, who works for a box company located a few miles outside Pittsburgh. "Looking back, maybe I should have waited until the season was over."



Former Navy Coach Paul Evans will try to bring discipline to a talented Pittsburgh team.

Chipman never regained full control of the team, and the players aired their gripes publicly, sounding very much like a bunch of spoiled brats. Charles Smith, a sinewy 6-foot-10 junior, complained that he had been recruited as a forward and didn't want to play center, and Jerome Lane, a gifted but immature 6-6 sophomore, preferred to be outside where the guards roam rather than inside where the Panthers desperately needed his bullish rebounding.

"I've talked to both of them," Evans said, "and they've both told me they're willing to do whatever it takes to make us a winner. I don't know whether losing was why they were acting ornery, or the press

made too much of it, or maybe they just woke up to the fact they were being babies."

Evans has never dealt with such prima donnas before, and even he is intrigued with discovering how well they'll respond to his no-nonsense approach.

"I'm a basketball coach," he said, "not a social worker. Just do what I ask. I don't care if you like me. I've always spelled out why we do what we do. We don't do drills for the sake of drills."

But Evans is famous for some of his drills. When he was at St. Lawrence, Evans earned the nickname "Doc" (short

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for Mad Doctor) because of his torturous routines. He introduced the "gutso" drill, an exhausting one-on-one, full-court game. The first guy to score three baskets won. The loser ran laps.

He had his players carry taped bricks during practices, often used weighted basketballs in passing drills and occasionally had the players run outside the gym wearing weighted jackets.

"He didn't get his doctorate in psychology; he got it in discipline," said Tony Ross, who played for Evans at St. Lawrence and now is the dean of students at Northern Arizona.

"I was a lot younger in those days," Evans said, laughing. "I don't know if I'd get away with that stuff at Pitt. I guess I was a little crazy back then because I thought that was the way to do it."

His way worked. In seven seasons at St. Lawrence, Evans had a 123-50 record and his teams won six conference titles and reached the NCAA Division III playoffs five times. That success led to his selection as the new Navy coach in 1980.

At Navy, Evans' pet project was Rob Romaine, an outstanding and outspoken guard who was the team's most talented player. Romaine often challenged Evans and just as often found himself trudging up the steep steps at Halsey Field House.

"I really got on his case," Evans said. "I used to use him as an example."

The more Navy won, the less Evans dished out his personal brand of torture. And Navy won often. In his last three years in Annapolis, the Middies won 24, 26 and 30 games, respectively, each time breaking a school record for most victories in a season.

"He definitely wasn't a general," said 6-11 David Robinson, Navy's intimidating senior center and perhaps the best collegiate player in the country this year. "He has brought me out as a player. It's been both ways. We've helped each other a lot."

Said Middies sophomore guard Neal Fenton: "There were some grueling practices, but I don't think anything out of the usual."

Evans promises to run "tough and fair" practices at Pitt. "You have to do different things with different kids," he said. "I'll have to see what works best at Pitt."

What worked best at Navy was the multi-talented Robinson, who led the Midshipmen to a 30-5 record last winter and with in a game of the Final Four.

While Navy was sailing through a season of dreams, however, Pitt was suffering through a nightmarish campaign that mercifully ended with a loss to Southwest Missouri State in the opening round of the National Invitation Tournament.

"That was last year," Evans said. "I can't worry about what happened a year ago when I wasn't here. If anything, I don't care what they've done in the past. If you were tagged as something, you don't have that tag anymore."

Winningest Active Division I Coaches

(Minimum five years as a major-college head coach; includes record at four-year colleges only)

BY PERCENTAGE

| Rank—Coach, Institution | Yrs. | Won | Last | Pct. |
|--------------------------------|------|-----|------|------|
| 1 Jerry Tarkanian, UNLV | 18 | 442 | 101 | 814 |
| 2 Dean Smith, North Carolina | 25 | 579 | 171 | 772 |
| 3 Denny Crum, Louisville | 15 | 370 | 114 | 763 |
| 4 Larry Brown, Kansas | 5 | 120 | 38 | 759 |
| 5 Jim Boeheim, Syracuse | 10 | 230 | 77 | 749 |
| 6 Lou Carnesecca, St. John's | 18 | 402 | 130 | 747 |
| 7 Eddie Sutton, Kentucky | 17 | 374 | 129 | 744 |
| 8 Pat Foster, Houston | 6 | 134 | 47 | 740 |
| 9 John Thompson, Georgetown | 14 | 321 | 115 | 736 |
| 10 Bob Knight, Indiana | 21 | 436 | 167 | 723 |
| 11 Nolan Richardson, Arkansas | 6 | 131 | 53 | 712 |
| 12 Gale Catlett, West Virginia | 14 | 292 | 124 | 702 |
| 13 Lefty Driesell, Maryland | 26 | 524 | 224 | 701 |
| 14 Jim Boyle, St. Joseph's | 5 | 105 | 45 | 700 |
| 15 Digger Phelps, Notre Dame | 16 | 326 | 141 | 698 |

BY VICTORIES

| Rank—Coach, Institution | Won | Rank—Coach, Institution | Won |
|------------------------------|-----|--------------------------------|-----|
| 1 Ralph Miller, Oregon State | 613 | 6 Tom Young, Old Dominion | 457 |
| 2 Dean Smith, North Carolina | 579 | 7 Lou Henson, Illinois | 456 |
| 3 Norm Sloan, Florida | 560 | 8 Gene Bartow, Ala. Birmingham | 454 |
| 4 Lefty Driesell, Maryland | 524 | Norm Stewart, Missouri | 454 |
| 5 Don Haskins, Texas El Paso | 468 | 10 C.M. Newton, Vanderbilt | 452 |

Division I Coaching Changes

| School | Former Coach | Current Coach |
|-----------------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Appalachian State | Kevin Cantwell | Tom Apke |
| Augusta (Ga.) | Marvin Vanover | Neal Cody |
| Boston College | Gary Williams | Jim O'Brien |
| Bowling Green State | John Weinert | Jim Larranaga |
| Bradley | Dick Versace | Stan Albeck |
| Colgate | Tony Reivas | Joe Baker |
| Colorado | Tom Apke | Tom Miller |
| Connecticut | Dom Perno | Jim Calhoun |
| Coppin State (Md.) | John Bates | Ron (Fang) Mitchell |
| Cornell | Tom Miller | Mike Dement |
| Eastern Michigan | Jim Boyle | Ben Braun |
| Florida State | Joe Williams | Pat Kennedy |
| Fresno State | Boyd Grant | Ron Adams |
| Grambling State | Fred Hobdy | Bob Hopkins |
| Houston | Guy Lewis | Pat Foster |
| Idaho | B.J. Trumbo | Tim Floyd |
| Iona | Pat Kennedy | Gary Brokaw |
| Iowa | George Raveling | Tom Davis |
| Jackson State | Paul Covington | John Prince |
| Kansas State | Jack Hartman | Lon Kruger |
| Lamar | Pat Foster | Tom Abatemarco |
| La Salle | Lefty Ervin | Speedy Morris |
| Manhattan | Tom Sullivan | Bob Deane Bovi |
| Marist | Matt Furjanic | Dave Magarity |
| Marquette | Rick Majerus | Bob Dukiet |
| Md.-Baltimore County | Billy Jones | Jeff Bzdelik |
| Md.-Eastern Shore | Howie Evans | Steve Williams |
| Minnesota | Jim Dutcher | Clem Haskins |
| Mississippi | Lee Hunt | Ed Murphy |
| Mississippi State | Bob Boyd | Ronald Williams |
| Montana | Mike Montgomery | Stew Morris |
| Navy | Paul Evans | Pete Herrmann |
| Nebraska | Moe Iba | Danny Nee |
| UNC Wilmington | Mel Gibson | Robert McPherson |
| Northeastern | Jim Calhoun | Karl Fogel |
| Northern Illinois | John McDougal | Jim Rosborough |
| Northern Iowa | Jim Berry | Eldon Miller |
| North Texas State | Tommy Newman | Jimmy Cales |
| Northwestern | Rich Falk | Bill Foster |
| Ohio State | Eldon Miller | Gary Williams |
| Ohio University | Danny Nee | Billy Hahn |
| Oklahoma State | Paul Hansen | Leonard Hamilton |
| Pan American | Lon Kruger | Kevin Wall |
| Pittsburgh | Roy Chipman | Paul Evans |
| Rhode Island | Brendan Malone | To be announced |
| St. Bonaventure | Jim O'Brien | Ron DeCarra |
| St. Mary's (Calif.) | Bill Oates | Lynn Nance |
| St. Peter's | Bob Dukiet | Ted Fiore |
| Sam Houston State | Robert McPherson | Steve Tucker |
| Siena | John Griffin | Mike Deane |
| South Carolina | Bill Foster | George Felton |
| South Florida | Lee Rose | Bobby Paschal |
| Southern (La.) | Bob Hopkins | Ben Jobe |
| Southern California | Stan Morrison | George Raveling |
| Southwest Texas State | Celester Collier | Harry Larrabee |
| Southwestern Louisiana | Bobby Paschal | Marty Fletcher |
| Stanford | Tom Davis | Mike Montgomery |
| Texas-San Antonio | Don Eddy | Ken Burmeister |
| Vermont | Bill Whitmore | Tom Brennan |
| Virginia Military Institute | Marty Fletcher | Joe Cantafio |
| Western Kentucky | Clem Haskins | Murray Arnold |
| Wichita State | Gene Smithson | Ed Fogler |
| Winthrop (S.C.) | N Eld Gordon | Steve Vacendak |
| Yale | Tom Brennan | Dick Kuchen |

With four starters returning—and more importantly, Evans as the coach—Pitt again is being picked to contend for the Big East championship. And the Panthers can expect to find their name in some of the preseason Top 20 polls.

"I don't know if what they're saying is founded," Evans said. "I'm not sure we're Top 20. We have a lot of holes. It takes more than a coach to come in and turn things around. I don't think I could put the same five players on the court that Roy did and turn it around."

Evans said he will emphasize wise shot selection this year. The Panthers were not bashful about shooting the ball last season, but they were guilty of failing to take the right shot at the right time.

"I saw Demetreus Gore throw up some half-assed shots at the end of a game trying to win it by himself," Evans said of the 6-5 junior swingman, the team's most creative player. "I don't want them to think they have to do something special, out of the ordinary, to win a game. I think we'll be a little more structured and the roles will be a little more defined."

"You need kids with egos who want to take that last shot, but it's up to me to control it so that last shot is the right shot."

Possibly more than anything else, the Panthers need their confidence restored. They need to believe they can win those games that slipped away from them in the waning moments so often last season.

"The system will help," Evans said. "They'll be so drilled on what they're doing that they won't have time to think about what they should do. The people are there. The desire to win is there. Making them think they can win the big games and play tougher down the stretch is what I'm here to do."

Before last season's late collapse, the Panthers had the look of a team ready to explode into the Top 20. Instead they self-destructed, wracked by self-doubt.

"I'm hoping for new expectations," Evans said, "and new enthusiasm. I think you can change attitudes, but I don't think you can change abilities. All I can do as a coach is put a kid in positions where his abilities will make him look better."

That's what worked so well at Navy, where the players other than Robinson lacked the physical skills that Evans has found at Pitt.

"Pitt's players may be better athletes," he said, "but maybe they don't have better basketball minds. But I think kids are kids. Charles Smith is every bit as much a gentleman as David Robinson. They're out of the same mold. If anything, maybe the Pitt players have more motivation than the players at Navy because some of these kids have greater aspirations."

Smith, who teamed with Robinson this summer on the U.S. team that competed in the World Championships in Spain, is projected as a first-round National Basketball Association draft pick in two years. With Evans as his coach, Smith often will be compared to Robinson this season.

"Potentially," Evans said, pausing for



Paul Evans coached David Robinson (above) at Navy and now enjoys the company of the talented Charles Smith at Pittsburgh.



effect, "Charles Smith is every bit as good as David. I think he can run as well and is a better foul shooter, but David may be more disciplined in what he does. David is more confident at this point. He plays a little more in the realm of what he can do."

"Charles tries to do too much, and he doesn't concentrate on doing one thing great. I think it's just a matter of time before Charles puts his game together."

The same may be true of the Panthers, a collection of wondrously talented players who have yet to blend those diverse skills into a winner.

"Most Parade All-Americans became All-Americans because of their scoring ability," Evans said. "We're definitely not a good passing team. These kids make things difficult for themselves. They're looking for direction. The system I use is very adaptable to most situations, and that will make it that much easier to adapt it here."

"I try to keep things simple. I'm flexible. I won't ask my kids to do anything I don't think they can do. By midseason, this will be my team."

Evans, who came in late and was behind in recruiting last spring, already has put his stamp on Pitt's program by getting an oral commitment from Brian Shorter, a 6-6 strongman from Philadelphia. NCAA rules require Shorter to wait until November to sign a binding national letter-of-intent.

Shorter's commitment, though, hasn't answered the question of whether Evans will be able to land the blue-chippers necessary to put Pitt in the Top 20. Evans said assistant coach John Calipari deserved much of the credit for landing Shorter, who had been approached by Pitt before Evans was named the coach.

"John saw him play a lot," Evans said. "When I came in, I knew this was a kid that could help us."

Evans said the recruiting game is entirely different at Pitt. Now he can talk to many more of the top kids, who either couldn't get in Navy or weren't interested in the academy because of a five-year service commitment after graduation.

"I don't know if I can get them," Evans said, "but now I can get in the door."

That was one of the reasons why he decided to take over a struggling program with the potential to be outstanding rather than stay at Navy, where he already had taken the program to new heights that the Middies might never surpass.

"I felt that we had gone as far as we could go at Navy," he said. "I decided to leave this year because I didn't want people to say I rode David Robinson's coat-tails."

Evans smiled. As he well knew, he left behind one All-America but inherited several more potential ones when he arrived in Pittsburgh.

"I don't think I found an empty cupboard at Pitt," he said.

And because of that, Evans might be the right coach in the right place at the right time. ■

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A Secret Weapon

Clemson Will Rise If Horace Grant Continues Surge

By DOUG DOUGHTY

In a conference known for its lavish media coverage and distinctive national profile, Horace Grant somehow has remained one of college basketball's best-kept secrets.

Grant, a 6-foot-10 senior, led the Atlantic Coast Conference in rebounding last year and is the league's top returning scorer—and hardly anybody knows it.

The situation hasn't changed a great deal since Grant's high school days in Sparta, Ga., when Horace and his twin brother, Harvey, were recruited exclusively by Clemson, Grambling State, Southern (La.) and Anderson (S.C.) College.

"Nobody really knew about them," said Bill Foster, who signed the Grant twins for Clemson and coached them for a year before moving to Miami of Florida. "I know everybody makes mistakes, but those guys were absolute steals."

Foster was so sure he'd hit the jackpot with the Grant twins that he didn't tell a soul, not even trusted Clemson insiders. On the night before he signed them, Foster and one of his assistants checked into an out-of-town motel.

"There weren't many places to stay in Sparta," Foster explained, "but another thing was, I had a reputation for recruiting tall, skinny guys who turned out to be players. I told them I'd sign 'em if they promised not to tell anybody."

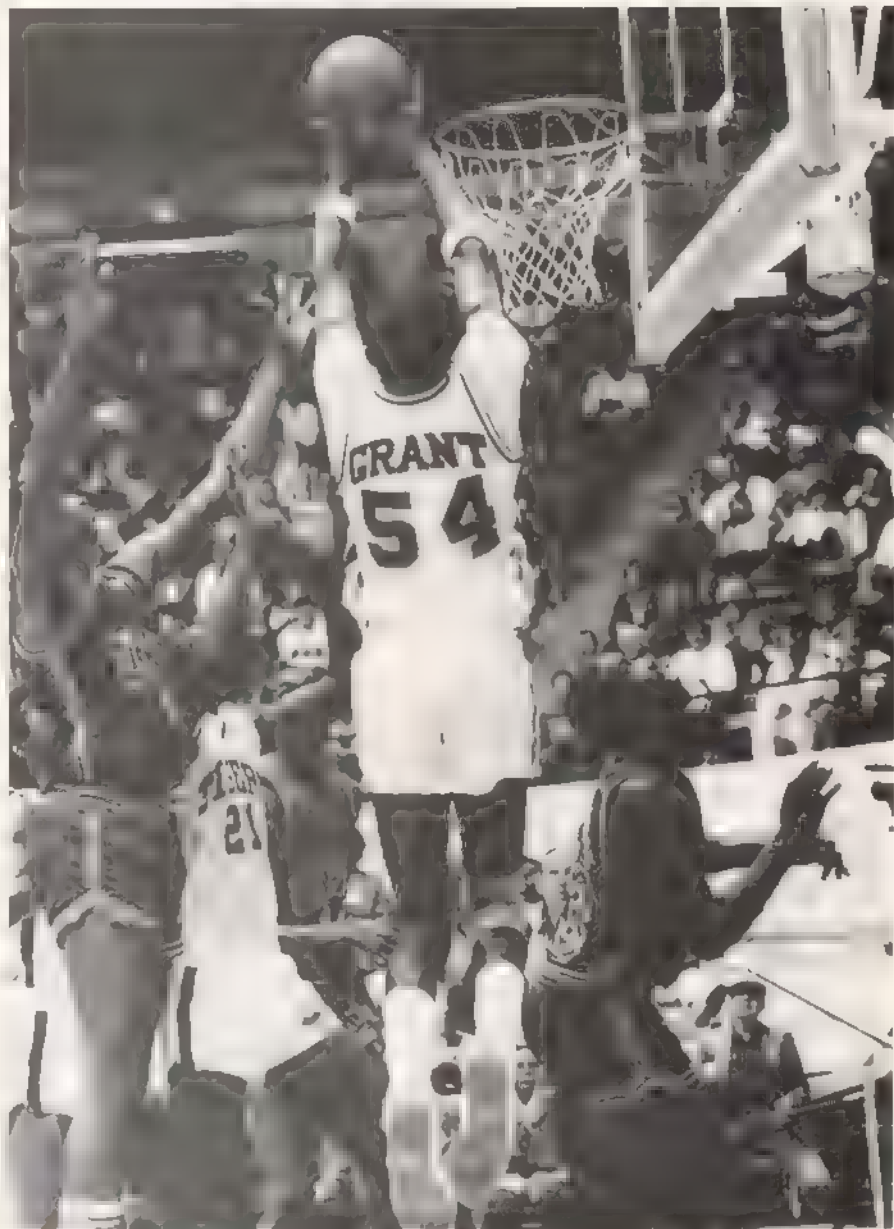
Earlier in his Clemson tenure, Foster had recruited another tall, skinny, unheralded player, Larry Nance, who left Clemson as a first-round National Basketball Association draft pick. To Foster, there were many similarities.

"For want of a better term, Horace had a lot of 'Nance' in him," Foster said. "He ran well, he was a heluva passer and he had great hands. He caught tough passes and made them look easy."

Until Horace enjoyed a little more success early in his college career, there was little to differentiate the Grant twins—as players or otherwise. Horace said he has a scar on his left cheek, but that wasn't much help.

"I had a hard time telling them apart," Foster said. "Fortunately, they had their jerseys on most of the time. I got to where I would call them 'Twin' so I knew I wasn't making a mistake."

Horace made an immediate impression as a freshman, starting nine games and averaging 5.7 points and 4.6 rebounds per



Horace Grant, the best-kept secret in the Atlantic Coast Conference, could help Clemson rise to new heights.

game. Harvey, who had missed part of his senior year in high school with a broken arm, was redshirted.

"We both expected to be redshirted, but I guess I worked a little harder and got to play sooner," Horace said. "In high school, Harvey played small forward. He could really shoot, but we got here and we were both out for the same position."

As Horace continued to make strides as a sophomore, averaging 11.3 points and 6.8 rebounds, Harvey played sparingly and then announced at the end of the season that he would be transferring. He ended up at Independence (Kan.) Community College, where he was a junior college All-America last season. This year he will be playing for Oklahoma.

"It was tough on me because he wasn't getting much playing time," Horace said. "We have always been very close. But it bothered me that he transferred because he just spun it on me one day."

"I tried to talk him out of it, but I couldn't. I felt he wasn't ready to get out; he didn't need to explore new opportunities."

Rather than sulk over his brother's absence, Grant went on to average 16.4 points and 10.5 rebounds as a junior. He tallied 21 points and 20 rebounds against Georgia State, 19 points and 20 rebounds against Duke and a total of 16 games in which he hit double figures in scoring and rebounding.

"My brother's (departure) put a burden

on and took a burden off me," Grant said. "I got my own identity. People started to call me Horace."

Remarkably, Grant did not make the first or second All-ACC team despite finishing in the league's top eight in four statistical categories—rebounding (first), scoring (seventh), field-goal percentage (fourth) and free-throw percentage (eighth).

"I went through nine years of that," Foster said. "It's called location and league. If you're not up at the top in that league, nobody knows about you. Nobody passes through Clemson."

In a seemingly glaring oversight, Grant was not even invited to try out for the team that represented the United States at the World Basketball Championships in Spain last summer.

"I was interested," Grant said, "but nobody asked. It didn't surprise me because I feel Clemson doesn't get the respect it deserves."

"I feel I'm underrated, but I'm not going to go out and ask for the notoriety. I'm just going to go on being a blue-collar worker and hope somebody notices."

Clemson players have had trouble gaining recognition largely because of the program's relative futility. In 33 years as an ACC member, Clemson has never won a regular-season basketball title and has played in only one ACC Tournament championship game.

"There are so many teams and players striving for recognition in our league that you can get lost," Tigers Coach Cliff Ellis said. "We've been on the bottom side, and the players getting the exposure are on the teams doing well. Not having 20-game winners, that's part of it."

The Tigers finished seventh in the league last year with a 3-11 mark but were 19-15 overall and have the potential to leap into the first division. Of the 10 players who made first- or second-team All-ACC, nine have departed.

Clemson lost Grant's two frontcourt mates, center Glen McCants and forward Glenn Corbit, but Ellis recruited well and picked up guard Michael Brown, a transfer from Syracuse.

"We've had to use forwards at center, and we'll have to play with them again this year," Ellis said, "but the league doesn't have the dominating centers that it has had. We've also been hurt by outside shooting, but that's one thing Michael Brown has a reputation for."

Though Grant is a natural power forward, the Tigers probably will start him at center, with sophomore Jerry Pryor at power forward and prep All-America Ricky Jones at the other spot. Junior Grayson Marshall, who needs 23 assists to break the Clemson record, will be at the point, while Brown will battle holdovers Michael Best and Larry Middleton at big guard.



Duane Ferrell is one of three key returnees who give Georgia Tech hope in the rugged Atlantic Coast Conference.

"Clemson basketball has been down for something like 30 years," Ellis said. "What we're trying to do is get them to realize they do have the talent to be a contender."

That has never been a problem at North Carolina, which has finished first or second in the ACC every year but one since 1966. As Tar Heel fans know only too well, that one year was 1986, when North Carolina lost its regular-season finale

against Duke and finished third behind the Blue Devils and Georgia Tech.

Carolina went 10-4 in the ACC and 28-6 overall—an outstanding year by most standards—but lost five of its last eight games, including a 94-79 loss to Louisville in an NCAA Tournament contest the Tar Heels had led with five minutes left.

"People are talking about us being ranked Number 1 in the country preseason, which is funny because I'm not sure we should be Number 1 in the conference," Coach Dean Smith said. "There's no way we can be as good as last year."

The 1986 team was ranked No. 1 in the country and won its first 21 games and 25 of its first 26 before coming unglued. Smith commented frequently that the Tar Heels seemed unable to relax.

"Look at Louisville and Indiana, two great programs to be sure, but they didn't make the NAAs (in 1985)," Smith said. "If I told our fans it was no guarantee we'd make the NAAs, they'd laugh."

"For the first time, (the pressure) was a detriment this year. I didn't dream it would be a problem. Part of it was finishing first or second so many years in a row. They didn't want to be the team to end the streak."

Gone from last year's team are the No. 1 pick in the NBA draft, All-America center Brad Daugherty, as well as starting swingman Steve Hale. As a result, the Tar Heels return only one player who averaged more than 10 points last year, senior point guard Kenny Smith.

Nevertheless, the Tar Heels appear to be set in the backcourt with Smith and sophomore Jeff Lebo. Up front, the Tar Heels welcome prep phenoms J.R. Reid, Scott Williams and Pete Chilcutt, one or more of whom could see extensive action as freshmen. Reid, a 6-9 forward from Virginia Beach, Va., was the national prep Player of the Year.

"Certainly, one of the three (freshman) big men will be counted on to contribute a great deal next season," Smith said. "If everybody promised to play freshmen, they'd do well, but it's going to be a learning experience."

Seniors Dave Popson and Curtis Hunter will challenge at the forward positions, with senior Joe Wolf (10 points per game) expected to move from power forward to pivotman.

"Offensively, there's little difference between the Number 4 and 5 positions," Smith said, "but Joe Wolf is our best inside defender."

Although Carolina is certain to be the preseason favorite, Smith said he'd be inclined to choose "the team with all the Rookies of the Year," meaning Georgia Tech.

Indeed, Coach Bobby Cremins has the last three ACC Rookies of the Year in sen-

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Clemson (Tigers)

Coach: Cliff Ellis (35-28, 2 years)
Starters Lost (2): Glenn Corbit, F (9.9 ppg, 3 rpg), Glen McCants, C (9.2 ppg, 5.6 rpg, 53.3 FG%).
Others Lost: Chris Michael, G (5.3 ppg, 2 rpg).
Starters Returning (3): Horace Grant, F, 6-10/Sr (18.4 ppg, 10.5 rpg, 58.4 FG%); Grayson Marshall, G, 6-2/Jr (8.3 ppg, 2.6 rpg, 7.7 apg), Larry Middleton, G, 6-3/Sr (11.4 ppg, 3.7 rpg).
Other Returnees: Michael Best, G, 6-4/Soph (6.3 ppg, 2.1 rpg); Jeff Holstom, F, 6-6/Sr; Anthony Jenkins, F, 6-7/Sr (5.8 ppg, 2.7 rpg); Jerry Pryor, F, 6-8/Soph (6.5 ppg, 4.6 rpg); Michael Telt, G, 6-2/Jr (2.5 ppg).
Newcomers: Michael Brown, G, 6-4/Jr (transfer/Syracuse); Eldon Campbell, C, 6-10/Fr; Ricky Jones, G-F, 6-7/Fr; Tim Kincald, G, 6-3/Fr.
1985-86 Record: 19-15, ACC 3-11/7th
Site: Clemson, S.C.

1986-87 Schedule

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|---------------------------|-----|-------------------------|-----|
| IPTAY Tournament | N28 | At Georgia Tech | J20 |
| N.C.-Asheville | D3 | Duke | J24 |
| Texas Tech. | D6 | Winthrop (S.C.) | J26 |
| At South Carolina | D14 | North Carolina | J28 |
| Prairie View A&M | D16 | Virginia | J31 |
| Armstrong State (Ga.) | D17 | At Maryland | F4 |
| TCBY Classic | D29 | South Carolina | F7 |
| Hawaii Pacific Tournament | J2 | At North Carolina State | F11 |
| North Carolina State | J7 | At Virginia | F14 |
| At Wake Forest | J10 | Wake Forest | F18 |
| Florida International | J12 | At North Carolina | F21 |
| Furman | J14 | Georgia Tech | F25 |
| Maryland | J17 | At Duke | F28 |

Bold face denotes conference-leading totals.



Wake Forest's Tyrone Bogues.

Duke (Blue Devils)

Coach: Mike Krzyzewski (122-68, 6 years).
Starters Lost (4): Mark Alarie, F (17.2 ppg, 6.2 rpg, 53.5 FG%, 82.2 FT%); Jay Bilas, C (6.8 ppg, 4.9 rpg, 59.4 FG%); Johnny Dawkins, G (20.2 ppg, 3.6 rpg, 3.3 apg, 54.9 FG%, 81.2 FT%); David Henderson, F (14.2 ppg, 4.8 rpg).
Others Lost: Weldon Williams, G.
Starters Returning (1): Tommy Amaker, G, 6-0/Sr (6.4 ppg, 2 rpg, 8 apg, 2 spg).
Other Returnees: Danny Ferry, F-C, 6-10/Soph (5.9 ppg, 5.5 rpg); Billy King, F, 6-6/Jr (4 ppg, 2.9 rpg); Martin Nessley, C, 7-2, 260/Sr.; John Smith, F, 6-7/Soph; Quinn Snyder, G, 6-2/Soph (12.3 ppg); Kevin Strickland, G, 6-5/Jr (2.1 ppg).
Newcomers: Alaa Abdelnaby, F-C, 6-10/Fr.; Robert Brinckey, G-F, 6-5/Fr.; George Burgin, C, 7-0/Fr. (RS); Phil Henderson, G-F, 6-5/Fr.
1985-86 Record: 37-3; ACC 12-2/1st.

1986-87 Schedule

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|-----------------------|-----|-------------------------|-----|
| BYU-Hawaii Tournament | N28 | At North Carolina State | J21 |
| East Carolina | D3 | At Clemson | J24 |
| Vanderbilt | D6 | Cornell | J26 |
| Davison | D8 | At Georgia Tech | J29 |
| Alabama* | D13 | At Wake Forest | J31 |
| At Miami, Fla. | D22 | Sietson | J31 |
| Appalachian State | D29 | Virginia | F4 |
| Northwestern | D30 | Maryland | F7 |
| At Virginia | J3 | At Harvard | F10 |
| William & Mary | J5 | At Notre Dame | F15 |
| St. Joseph's | J7 | North Carolina State | F19 |
| North Carolina | J10 | Georgia Tech | F21 |
| At Maryland | J14 | At North Carolina | F26 |
| Wake Forest | J17 | Clemson | F28 |

Georgia Tech (Yellow Jackets)

Coach: Bobby Cremins (95-57, 5 years).
Starters Lost (2): Mark Price, G (17.4 ppg, 2.8 rpg, 4.4 apg, 52.8 FG%, 85.5 FT%); 1.9 spg; John Salley, C (13.1 ppg, 6.7 rpg, 3.4 apg, 60.6 FG%).
Others Lost: Michael Carr, G, 6-3/Soph (transfer/Georgia State); Jack Mansell, F.
Starters Returning (3): Bruce Derymple, G, 6-4/Sr (10.8 ppg, 5 rpg, 52.1 FG%, 4.1 apg, 2.1 spg); Duane Ferrell, F, 6-6/Jr (12.1 ppg, 4.9 rpg, 59.5 FG%); Tom Hammonds, F, 6-8/Soph (12.2 ppg, 6.4 rpg, 60.9 FG%, 81.6 FT%).
Other Returnees: Antoine Ford, C, 7-0/Jr (2 rpg); John Martinson, G, 6-1/Jr; Craig Neal, G, 6-5/Jr (5.6 ppg, 82.9 FT%); Willie Reese, F, 6-9/Soph.; Anthony Sherrod, G-F, 6-6/Soph.
Newcomers: Michael Christian, G, 6-3/Fr (RS/leg); James Munlyn, C, 6-11/Fr.; Brian Oliver, G, 6-4/Fr.
1985-86 Record: 27-7; ACC 11-3/2nd.
Site: Atlanta.

1986-87 Schedule

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|--------------------------|-----|----------------------|-----|
| Central Fidelity Classic | N28 | Virginia | J22 |
| Pennsylvania | D1 | At North Carolina | J24 |
| Georgia* | D3 | Duke | J29 |
| At Louisiana State | D14 | Maryland | F1 |
| Boston College** | D20 | Georgia State | F3 |
| Southern Methodist** | 21 | Wake Forest | F7 |
| ECAC Holiday Festival | D27 | At Maryland | F10 |
| At Wake Forest | J3 | North Carolina State | F14 |
| At North Carolina State | J10 | At Virginia | F18 |
| At Old Dominion | J12 | At Duke | F21 |
| North Carolina A&T | J14 | At DePaul | F22 |
| Clemson | J20 | At Clemson | F25 |
| *Omni, Atlanta | | North Carolina* | M1 |
| **Suntory Ball in Japan | | | |

N. Carolina State (Wolfpack)

Coach: Jim Valvano (125-70, 6 years).
Starters Lost (3): Nate McMillan, G (19.4 ppg, 4.6 rpg, 6.9 apg, 2.6 spg), Ernie Myers, G (9.3 ppg), Chris Washburn, C (17.8 ppg, 6.7 rpg, 58.2 FG%).
Others Lost: Panagiotis Fasoulas, C (1.9 ppg).
Starters Returning (2): Bennie Bolton, G-F, 6-7/Sr (8.7 ppg, 3 rpg); Charles Shackelford, F-C, 6-10/Soph (10.3 ppg, 6.1 rpg, 52.6 FG%).
Other Returnees: Tevin Binns, F-C, 6-10/Sr (3.4 ppg), Chuckie Brown, F, 6-7/Soph.; Vinny Del Negro, G, 6-5/Jr; Quentin Jackson, G, 6-0/Jr.; Walker Lammotte, F, 6-6/Soph (4.8 ppg); Kenny Poston, F, 6-6/Soph.; Kelsey Weems, G, 6-1/Soph (3.5 ppg).
Newcomers: Kenny Drummond, G, 5-10/Jr (J.C.), Mike Gioni, F-C, 6-9/Sr (transfer/Indiana); Brian Howard, F, 6-7/Fr.; Andy Kennedy, G, 6-7/Fr.; Avie Lester, C, 6-10/Fr.
1985-86 Record: 21-13; ACC 7-7/T4th.

1986-87 Schedule

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|-----------------------|-----|-----------------|-----|
| Navy* | N22 | Kansas** | J25 |
| Great Alaska Shootout | N28 | At Virginia | J28 |
| East Tennessee State | D3 | Oklahoma | J31 |
| At Western Carolina | D6 | At DePaul | F2 |
| Duquesne | D13 | North Carolina | F5 |
| N.C. Asheville | D17 | At Louisville | F7 |
| At Tampa | D27 | Winthrop (S.C.) | F9 |
| Loyola of Chicago | D30 | Clemson | F11 |
| Maryland | J3 | At Georgia Tech | F14 |
| At Clemson | J7 | Brooklyn | F16 |
| Georgia Tech | J10 | At Duke | F19 |
| Wake Forest | J15 | Virginia | F22 |
| At North Carolina | J18 | At Maryland | F25 |
| Duke | J21 | At Wake Forest | F28 |
| *Springfield, Mass. | | Chicago State | M2 |
| **Kansas City, Mo. | | | |

Maryland (Terrapins)

Coach: Lefty Driesell (348-158, 17 years).
Starters Lost (3): Jeff Baxter, G (9.5 ppg, 3.2 apg), Len Bias, F (23.2 ppg, 7 rpg, 86.4 FT%); Terry Long, C, 6-8, 240/Sr (3.3 ppg, 3.1 rpg, 54.8 FG%, suspended).
Others Lost: David Gregg, F, 6-9/Soph (suspended); Tom Jones, F (8.1 ppg, 4.7 rpg, 55.1 FG%); Tony Massenburg, F, 6-8/Soph (suspended).
Starters Returning (2): Keith Gallin, G, 6-5/Sr (10.2 ppg, 2.7 rpg, 8.4 apg); Derrick Lewis, F, 6-7/Jr (7.9 ppg, 6.7 rpg, 2.2 apg).
Other Returnees: Dave Dickerson, F, 6-6/Soph; John Johnson, G, 6-4/Soph (5.8 ppg).
Newcomers: Steve Hood, G-F, 6-8/Fr.; Mark Karver, F, 6-5/Fr.; Mitch Kasoff, G, 6-1/Fr.; Teyon McCoy, G, 6-1/Fr.; Phil Nevun, C, 6-11, 250/Fr. (RS); Ivan Powell, G, 6-4/Soph (J.C.); Andre Reyes, C, 6-11/Fr.
1985-86 Record: 19-14, ACC 8-6/6th
Site: College Park, Md.

1986-87 Schedule

| | | | |
|-------------------------|-----|------------------------|-----|
| Winthrop (S.C.) | D27 | Wake Forest | F2 |
| Farleigh Dickinson | D29 | Clemson | F4 |
| Noes Darr | D31 | At Duke | F7 |
| At North Carolina State | J3 | Georgia Tech | F10 |
| Towson State | J5 | North Carolina | F14 |
| At North Carolina | J8 | Central Florida | F16 |
| Virginia | J10 | Md. Baltimore County | F18 |
| Duke | J14 | At Wake Forest | F22 |
| At Clemson | J17 | North Carolina State | F25 |
| Bucknell | J18 | Maryland-Eastern Shore | F27 |
| West Virginia | J21 | At Virginia | M1 |
| At James Madison | J28 | Old Dominion | TBA |
| At Georgia Tech | F1 | | |

Virginia (Cavaliers)

Coach: Terry Holland (250-122, 12 years).
Starters Lost (1): Olden Polynice, C, 6-11/Sr (16.1 ppg, 8 rpg, 57.2 FG%, scholarship revoked).
Starters Returning (4): Tom Calloway, G, 6-0/Sr (7.1 ppg), Drew Kennedy, F, 6-7/Sr (9.2 ppg, 5.2 rpg, 58.5 FG%); Mel Kennedy, G-F, 6-5/Jr (12 ppg, 4.5 rpg); Tom Sheehy, F, 6-9/Sr (10 ppg, 4.9 rpg, 84.3 FT%).
Other Returnees: Lance Blanks, G, 6-4/Soph.; Jeff Daniel, F-C, 6-9/Soph.; John Dyskin, F-C, 6-11/Jr.; John Johnson, G, 6-0/Jr.; Tom Martin, C, 6-11/Soph. (RS/mononucleosis); Richard Morgan, G, 6-3/Soph (5.9 ppg); Derrick Simms, G, 6-3/Jr (2.5 ppg); Anthony Solomon, G, 6-10/Sr.
Newcomers: Bill Batts, F-C, 6-8/Fr. (RS); Mark Cooke, F, 6-5/Fr.; Rob Metcalf, G-F, 6-6/Fr.
1985-86 Record: 19-11, ACC 7-7/T4th
Site: Charlottesville, Va.

1986-87 Schedule

| | | | |
|------------------------|-----|-------------------------|-----|
| Temple* | N21 | At Jacksonville | J19 |
| Virginia Military | D3 | At Georgia Tech | J22 |
| Investors Classic | D8 | Wake Forest | J24 |
| East Tennessee State | D10 | North Carolina State | J28 |
| At Arkansas | D20 | At Clemson | J31 |
| ECAC Holiday Festival | D27 | At Duke | F4 |
| Duke | J3 | At North Carolina | F8 |
| Brown | J5 | Virginia Tech** | F11 |
| Missouri | J7 | Clemson | F14 |
| At Maryland | J10 | At Dayton | F18 |
| North Carolina | J14 | Georgia Tech | F18 |
| Villanova | J17 | At North Carolina State | F22 |
| *Coca-Cola NIT Classic | | At Wake Forest | F25 |
| **Richmond, Va. | | Maryland | M1 |

North Carolina (Tar Heels)

Coach: Dean Smith (579-171, 25 years).
Starters Lost (2): Brad Daugherty, C (20.2 ppg, 9 rpg, 84.8 FG%), Steve Hale, G-F (11.3 ppg, 3.2 rpg, 4.9 apg, 1.8 spg, 53.2 FG%, 82.5 FT%).
Others Lost: James Davis, G; Kevin Madden, F, 6-5/Soph (4.9 ppg, 59.1 FG%, RS/grades); Warren Martin, C (6.9 ppg, 4.5 rpg, 2.8 bpg, 60.3 FG%).
Starters Returning (3): Jeff Lebo, G, 6-2/Soph (19.2 ppg, 4 apg); Kenny Smith, G, 6-3/Sr (12 ppg, 6.2 apg); Joe Wolf, F, 6-10/Sr (10 ppg, 6.6 rpg).
Other Returnees: Steve Bucknell, F, 6-5/Soph (12.5 ppg); Curtis Hunter, G-F, 6-5/Sr (3.9 ppg); Michael Norwood, G, 6-2/Sr; Dave Popsen, F, 6-9/Sr (4 ppg, 2.6 rpg); Ranzino Smith, G, 6-1/Jr (4.6 ppg).
Newcomers: Pete Chilcote, F, 6-8/Fr.; Jeff Denny, G, 6-3/Fr.; J.R. Reid, F, 6-9, 250/Fr.; Scott Williams, F-C, 6-9/Fr.
1985-86 Record: 28-6; ACC 10-4/3rd

1986-87 Schedule

| | | | |
|----------------------|-----|-------------------------|-----|
| Hawai-Lad Tournament | N28 | North Carolina State | J18 |
| At L.C.A. | D1 | At Wake Forest | J22 |
| Stetson | D3 | Georgia Tech | J24 |
| Miami, Fla. | D6 | At Clemson | J28 |
| Jacksonville | D13 | At Notre Dame | F1 |
| Illinois | D20 | At North Carolina State | F5 |
| Furman* | D22 | Virginia | F9 |
| Kansas State** | D27 | Wake Forest | F11 |
| Cotton Bowl Classic | D29 | At Maryland | F14 |
| At La Salle | J3 | Marquette | F15 |
| Maryland | J8 | East Tennessee State | F18 |
| At Duke | J10 | Clemson | F21 |
| At Virginia | J14 | Duke | F26 |
| *Charlotte, N.C. | | At Georgia Tech | M1 |
| **Kansas City, Mo. | | | |

Wake Forest (Deacons)

Coach: Bob Steak (8-21, 1 year).
Starters Lost (1): Charlie Thomas, F, 6-7/Jr (10.4 ppg, 5.4 rpg, 50 FG% transfer/New Mexico).
Others Lost: Dee Calvert, F (2.2 ppg); Clay Dade, G, 5-10/Soph (transfer/Winthrop); Paul Deibert, F, 6-9/Soph (transfer/Si Bonaventure).
Starters Returning (4): Tyrone Bogues, G, 6-3/Sr (11.3 ppg, 3.1 rpg, 8.4 apg, 3.1 spg); Mark Clune, F, 6-7/Sr (12.4 ppg, 4.5 rpg, 82.5 FT%); Arthur Larkins, F, 6-4/Soph (5.4 ppg, 4.1 rpg, 50.5 FG%); Rod Watson, G, 6-2/Soph (12.8 ppg, 2.8 rpg).
Other Returnees: Cal Boyd, G, 6-1/Soph (3.8 ppg); Alan Dickens, C, 6-8/Sr (2 ppg, 2.8 rpg).
Newcomers: Tony Black, G, 6-4/Fr.; Sam Ivy, F, 6-6/Fr.; Antonio Johnson, G, 6-4/Fr.; Greg Keith, C, 6-11/Fr.; Ralph Kirtley, F, 6-10/Fr.
1985-86 Record: 8-21, ACC D-14/8th.
Site: Winston-Salem, N.C.

1986-87 Schedule

| | | | |
|-------------------------|-----|----------------------|-----|
| Coastal Carolina (S.C.) | D1 | North Carolina | J22 |
| At Davidson | D3 | At Virginia | J24 |
| Baptist (S.C.) | D17 | Richmond | J28 |
| N.C.-Wilmington | D20 | Duke | J31 |
| At Virginia Tech | D22 | At Maryland | F2 |
| Cable Car Classic | D29 | At Winthrop (S.C.) | F5 |
| Georgia Tech | J3 | At Georgia Tech | F7 |
| Maryland Eastern Shore | J8 | At North Carolina | F11 |
| Appalachian State | J7 | UNC Charlotte | F14 |
| Clemson | J10 | At Clemson | F18 |
| Lehigh | J12 | Maryland | F22 |
| At North Carolina State | J15 | Virginia | F25 |
| At Duke | J17 | North Carolina State | F28 |

ior guard Bruce Dalrymple, junior forward Duane Ferrell and sophomore forward Tom Hammonds. But he also lost the top rookie from four years ago, All-ACC point guard Mark Price, and center John Salley, a first-round draft pick.

"The key to our team will be the center position," said Cremins, who plans to divide the playing time between 7-foot junior Antoine Ford and freshman James Munlyn.

Ford, who saw limited action last year, has the difficult task of increasing his aggressiveness while curbing a tendency to foul. Munlyn has been compared to Salley, but at 6-11 and 200 pounds, he needs to beef up.

"We're hoping Ford will come through," Cremins said. "I wouldn't say he's behind schedule. We knew in high school that it would take time."

Georgia Tech is looking at freshman Michael Christian as its point guard of the future, but Christian missed his senior year with a broken leg and then broke the leg again during the summer. Junior Craig Neal looks like the starter, with Christian likely to be redshirted.

"This puts a lot of the burden on Neal," Cremins said, "but I believe in the kid. He needs to play under control, but this is a great opportunity to make a name for himself."

All these reserves and newcomers appear capable of blending nicely with the Yellow Jackets' three All-ACC candidates—Dalrymple, Ferrell and Hammonds.

Dalrymple is bidding to become the first ACC player to accumulate 1,500 points, 750 rebounds and 500 assists. Ferrell had 51 points and 20 rebounds in three ACC Tournament games and a game-winning steal in the semifinals against Maryland. Hammonds averaged 12.2 points and 6.4 rebounds as a rookie.

"Dalrymple and Ferrell have to come into their own," Cremins said. "I don't think we can be as good as last year, especially right away, but I really think we could be a surprise."

No team in the ACC was hit harder by graduation than defending champion Duke, which lost All-America guard Johnny Dawkins and All-ACC forward Mark Alarie, only the second pair of classmates in Division I history to score more than 2,000 points each. Both were NBA first-round picks.

Also gone are 1,500-point scorer David Henderson and center Jay Bilas, leaving the Blue Devils, who lost to Louisville in the NCAA Tournament championship game, with only one returning starter in senior point guard Tommy Amaker.

"I think Danny Ferry has to be looking at himself as a starter and preparing for the next step," said Mike Krzyzewski, the ACC Coach of the Year. "He'll have some added responsibilities; we'll have to get our scoring from someplace."

Ferry, the nation's prep Player of the Year in 1985, averaged 5.9 points and 5.5 rebounds as a part-time starter for the Blue Devils as a freshman. He also contributed the winning basket in the NCAA Tournament semifinals against Kansas.

It's anybody's guess who will join the 6-10 Ferry in the frontcourt. One possibility is 7-2 senior Martin Nessley, but 6-10 freshman Alaa Abdelnaby is a more likely candidate.

"In order for us to be very good, we

need contributions from Abdelnaby, Nessley and John Smith," Krzyzewski said.

Smith is a 6-7 sophomore, but Krzyzewski said he could visualize a smaller lineup of Ferry, 6-6 junior Billy King, 6-5 junior Kevin Strickland, sophomore Quin Snyder and Amaker.

"I feel like Quin will emerge," Krzyzewski said. "He's one of those players who makes mistakes of commission, not

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omission. I like his spirit. He'll play a lot."

Everybody should play a lot, considering the Blue Devils have only 11 players. In addition to Abdelnaby, Duke signed a pair of highly rated swingmen, Phil Henderson and Robert Brickley.

"I really don't know what my expectations are," Krzyzewski said. "A lot of people feel we aren't going to be very good, but the last few years I haven't concerned myself with outside expectations. All I hope is that we stay healthy and keep a good attitude."

If the season had started in April, North Carolina State might have been the favorite to win the conference, but the Wolfpack was hurt by the defection of team-leading scorer and rebounder Chris Washburn, who decided to turn pro after his sophomore year.

"Had Chris remained in school, I'm certain we would've been a legitimate contender for the national championship," Coach Jim Valvano said, "and we may have been ranked as high as Number 1 in some of the preseason publications."

The Wolfpack will be at no loss for talent, however, with 6-10 sophomore Charles Shackleford moving into Washburn's center position and Indiana transfer Mike Giomi taking over at big forward.

Giomi started 32 of 61 games at Indiana and averaged 9.5 points and 5.3 rebounds before he was suspended by Coach Bob Knight midway through his junior year.

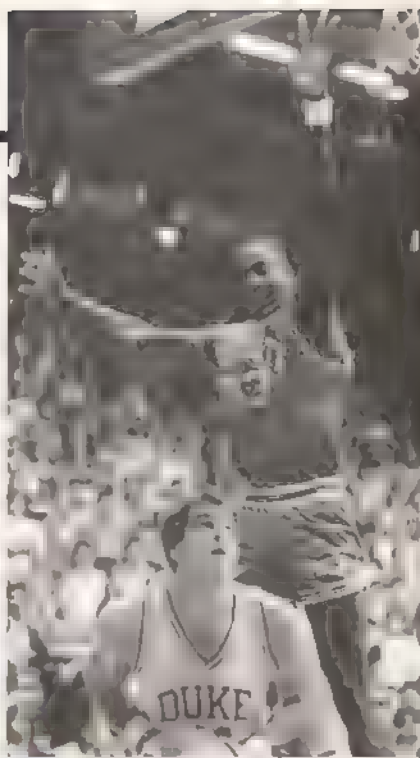
"If we went into a game where you had to watch Wash and Shackleford and Giomi was roaming all over the place, I think he'd wind up with a lot of garbage," Valvano said. "Now he's one of the guys they're going to try and stop."

Senior Bennie Bolton returns at small forward, and the other wing position may be filled by sophomore Walker Lambiotte. With the departure of underrated Nate McMillan, there should be a battle at point guard between junior college transfer Kenny Drummond and holdovers Vinny Del Negro, Quentin Jackson and Kelsey Weems.

"I would say Kenny Drummond could be the missing link in State rising above the Top 20," Valvano said. "Again, if Washburn had not gone pro, Kenny would not have been as critical. He's going to have to push the ball up the floor, be creative, be a scorer."

"I think this squad will follow a pattern similar to what we have the past few seasons. We must adjust to the loss of Washburn, and that's going to take time. We'll be better in February than December, and hopefully be at our peak for the NAAs."

Like N.C. State, Virginia looked like a potential powerhouse in April, but that was before the Cavaliers suspended center Olden Polynice, their leading scorer and rebounder the last two seasons.



Charles Shackleford will move into the center position vacated by NBA No. 2 draft choice Chris Washburn.

Polynice originally announced that he would apply for the NBA draft, ostensibly because he had been arrested for shoplifting, and then just as suddenly decided not to renounce his college eligibility.

Before deciding not to turn pro, Polynice was informed by Coach Terry Holland that he would be suspended for at least the first semester. That suspension later was extended for the entire year.

"He was always suspended indefinitely," Holland said, "and (January 7) was the earliest he could come back. The way it was structured, it was creating more problems than it solved."

The Cavaliers did not have a senior on last year's 19-11 team and return four starters, including double-figure scorers Mel Kennedy at big guard and Tom Sheehy at power forward. Senior Drew Kennedy will be at small forward, and Tom Calloway and John Johnson again should divide time at point guard.

The leading candidates to replace Polynice in the middle are 6-11 junior John Dyslin and 6-11 redshirt sophomore Tim Martin.

"We still should be very good, but let's face it, we have a gaping hole," Holland said. "It certainly leaves us in the 'we've got to prove ourselves' category."

Maryland was the comeback team of the year in the ACC last season, rallying from an 11-10 start to make the NCAA Tournament and finish 19-14. But the Teraps had something worse than a couple of losses to contend with during the off-season.

The death of ACC Player of the Year Len Bias from cocaine intoxication cast a shadow over the program and left Coach

Lefty Driesell clinging to his job at mid-summer. Also, it cost the team the services of starting center Terry Long and forward David Gregg, who were with Bias when he died and subsequently were indicted.

The Terps also lost sophomore big man Tony Massenburg, who was suspended for one year for an honor offense, leaving them with five scholarship returnees.

The nucleus of the team will be senior point guard Keith Gatlin and junior forward Derrick Lewis, a good shot-blocker and rebounder but not a dangerous scorer. So, the Terps may have to count heavily on freshman swingman Steve Hood to provide some offense.

"I think most of our players are underrated," said Morgan Wootten, Hood's coach at nearby DeMatha High School, "and I probably add to the cause because I'm very conservative in my evaluations."

"He's certainly an excellent scorer and a good shooter. He's more of a finesse player, like a 6-6 Adrian Branch in terms of physique. If he has to play, he's certainly capable of stepping in."

Another freshman, 6-11 Andre Reyes, probably will have to start at center for the Terps, who enjoyed a successful recruiting year.

Maryland should have no trouble avoiding the ACC cellar. That distinction probably will go to Wake Forest, which is yet to reward Coach Bob Staak with his first conference win after last year's 0-14 ACC slate.

The Demon Deacons' incredible string of injuries and defections continued during the off-season. Starting forward Charlie Thomas was declared academically ineligible and transferred to New Mexico. The Deacons also lost promising center Mike Scott, who left school in January and later transferred to Kentucky.

Rod Watson, the leading scorer among ACC freshmen with a 12.8 average, will team with 5-3 senior Tyrone Bogues, the league leader in assists and steals, to give the Deacons a top-quality backcourt. Freshman Tony Black, Bogues' eventual successor at the point, may be used at forward this season. Senior Mark Cline returns at small forward, but freshmen will have to contribute at the power spots.

Staak said it will be important to get great years from Bogues and Cline and a "reasonable" performance from center Alan Dickens, a fifth-year senior who walked on at midseason and became a starter. In any case, that first ACC win shouldn't take much longer.

"I'm not concerning myself with that," Staak said. "A lot of people didn't expect us to win a league game. We came close, and while we may not have disappointed anybody else, we're competitive people and we disappointed ourselves." ■

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Heavy Losses

Louisville Favored In Star-Depleted Metro Conference

By JOHN MARKON

It seems naive to talk about "graduation losses" given the current state of the college game, but departures have been Topic A in the Metro Conference since the 1986 season ended in Dallas with Louisville winning its second national championship.

Of the 35 players who most frequently filled out Metro starting lineups last year, 16 didn't report for practice in October. Presumably, some of them did actually graduate.

Losses were most keenly felt in the Metro's upper echelon as the three teams to earn berths in last year's NCAA Tournament—Louisville, Memphis State and Virginia Tech—each shipped out at least three starters. Virginia Tech sent four into the alumni association.

"Last summer I was telling everyone we had a strong team because I was fairly certain we would and didn't want to lie," Louisville Coach Denny Crum said. "This year I can't say a lot of the same things. If people are picking us first in the league (and they certainly are), it's mostly because of one guy—Pervis Ellison."

Ellison, a 6-foot-8, 205-pounder with legs long enough to line him up belt-to-belt with most 7-footers, was last year's Metro Freshman of the Year and the NCAA Tournament's Most Valuable Player. In the absence of Dell Curry, Billy Thompson, Milt Wagner, Andre Turner and William Bedford, he may also be the Metro's best and best-known player.

Ellison, who dominated a veteran Duke front line with a 25-point, 11-rebound effort in the NCAA title game, starts his sophomore year in a league all but emptied of publicized stars. Players such as PeeWee Barber (Florida State), Roger McClendon (Cincinnati), Terry Dozier (South Carolina) and Randolph Keys (Southern Mississippi) may well find themselves on this year's All-Metro team, but they begin the season at ground zero in terms of national reputation.

You probably won't be getting to know them on TV this winter, either, as only one Metro team other than Louisville (Memphis State) landed a nationally broadcast game. The Tigers will be aired when they face Louisville at home.

Crum's team will be on TV more often than All-Star Wrestling but won't be ready for prime time until he works out a trou-

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Louisville Coach Denny Crum got his NCAA championship last season but will have to replace some key performers in 1986-87.

Cincinnati (Bearcats)

Coach: Tony Yates (32-55, 3 years)
Starters Lost (3): Kenneth Henry, F (11.1 ppg, 6 rpg, 50.2 FG%); Myron Hughes, F (12.1 ppg, 7.2 rpg); Tony Wilson, G (5.7 ppg, 2.3 rpg, 3.4 apg)
Others Lost: Brian Helm, C (8.8 ppg, 5.7 rpg)
Starters Returning (2): Cedric Glover, C, 6-8/Jr (3.9 ppg, 3.4 rpg, 50.6 FG%); Roger McClendon, G, 6-4/Jr (16.5 ppg, 3.6 rpg, 50.8 FG%, 75.8 FT%)
Other Returnees: Jeff Flynn, F-C, 6-10/Soph., Lloyd Hodges, G, 6-4/Soph., Steve Jackson, F, 6-7/Soph., Anthony May, F-C, 6-8/Soph., Calvin Phiffer, G, 6-2/Jr.; Don Rueli, G, 6-2/Jr.; Romell Shorter, G, 6-5/Jr. (3.4 ppg); Joe Stiffend, F, 6-3/Sr (8.7 ppg)
Newcomers: Marty Dow, C, 6-11/Fr.; Chip Givans, G, 5-11/Fr.; Terrell Jackson, G, 6-1/Fr.
1986-87 Record: 12-16, Metro: 5-7/5th
Site: Cincinnati

1986-87 Schedule

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|-----------------------|-----|-------------------------|-----|
| Northern Kentucky | N29 | Florida State | J17 |
| Regis College (Colo.) | D1 | At Louisville | J22 |
| At Northern Illinois | D3 | At South Carolina | J25 |
| At Miami of Ohio | D8 | Xavier | J29 |
| At Stetson | D15 | At Dayton | J31 |
| At South Florida | D17 | At Florida State | F2 |
| Evansville | D20 | At Virginia Tech | F7 |
| Loyola of Chicago | D22 | St. Louis | F11 |
| At Indiana State | D29 | Tennessee State | F14 |
| Coastal Carolina | D3 | Marshall State | F16 |
| Southern Mississippi | J5 | At Southern Mississippi | F19 |
| At Memphis State | J10 | Louisville | F25 |
| Virginia Tech | J12 | South Carolina | F28 |
| Morehead State | J14 | | |

Bold face denotes conference-leading totals.

Florida State (Seminoles)

Coach: Pat Kennedy (first year at Florida State).
Starters Lost (1): David Shaffer, G-F (7.7 ppg, 4.3 rpg, 3.7 apg).
Others Lost: Thomas Mabry, G (2.2 ppg).
Starters Returning (4): Randy Allen, F, 6-8/Sr (13.7 ppg, 6.2 rpg); Pee Wee Barber, G, 6-1/Sr (16.8 ppg, 5.5 rpg, 1.8 apg); LaRae Davis, G, 6-0/Sr (12 ppg, 4.4 rpg, 80.8 FT%, 3.9 apg); Jerome Fletcher, F, 6-7/Jr. (10.2 ppg, 4.5 rpg, 81.5 FG%)
Other Returnees: Tony Carter, G, 6-4/Jr.; Raleigh Choate, C, 6-10/Sr (10 ppg, 4.5 rpg); Tat Hunter, F, 6-7/Soph. (8.8 ppg, 4.6 rpg, 55.7 FG%); Tony Karsak, C, 6-10/Sr (2.8 ppg); Craig Mateer, G, 6-1/Jr.; George McCloud, G-F, 6-6/Soph. (4.4 ppg).
Newcomers: Joey Barnes, G, 6-2/Fr.; Anthony Blackman, G, 6-3/Jr. (Clemson, JC); Jon Fedor, F, 6-8/Fr.
1986-87 Record: 12-17, Metro: 4-10/8th
Site: Tallahassee, Fla.

1986-87 Schedule

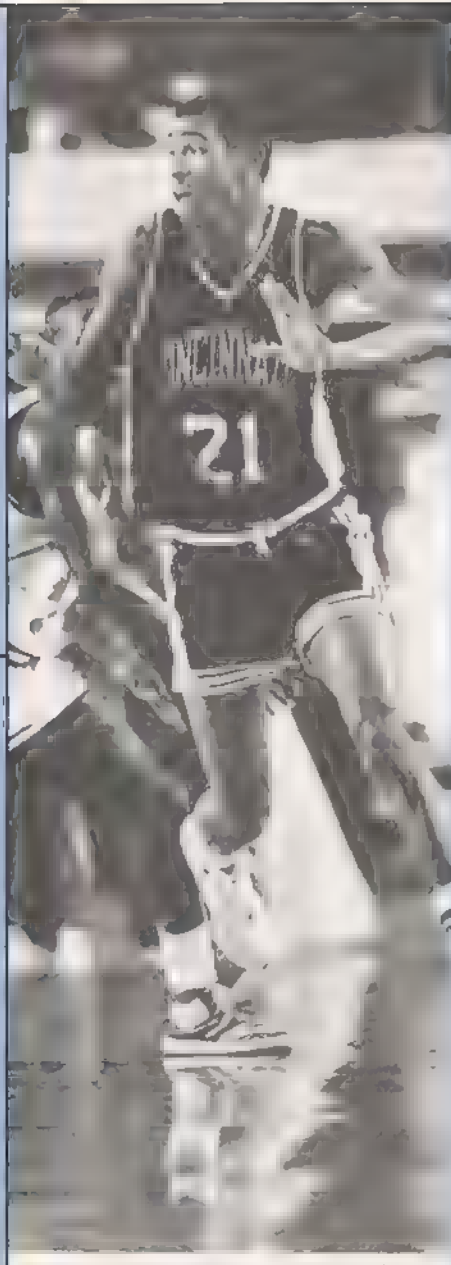
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| Florida | N28 | South Carolina | J21 |
| S.C. Spartanburg | D4 | At Southern Mississippi | J24 |
| Alabama | D8 | Central Florida | J26 |
| At Oklahoma | D13 | At Virginia Tech | J3 |
| At Western Kentucky | D18 | Cincinnati | F2 |
| Valdosta State | D20 | At Miami (Fla.) | F4 |
| Citrus Classic | D29 | Memphis State | F11 |
| At Jacksonville | J3 | At South Carolina | F14 |
| Wisconsin-Green Bay | J6 | South Florida | F16 |
| Louisville | J9 | At Louisville | F18 |
| Stetson | J12 | Virginia Tech | F23 |
| At Cincinnati | J17 | Miami (Fla.) | F25 |
| At Memphis State | J19 | Southern Mississippi | F28 |

Louisville (Cardinals)

Coach: Denny Crum (370-114, 15 years).
Starters Lost (3): Jeff Hall, G (10.3 ppg, 2.9 apg, 53 FG%, 89 FT%); Billy Thompson, F (14.9 ppg, 7.8 rpg, 3.9 apg, 57.6 FG%); Milt Wagner, G (14.8 ppg, 3.1 rpg, 4.2 apg, 86.2 FT%)
Others Lost: Barry Sumpter, C, 6-11/Sr. (transfer/Austin Peay State); Robbie Valentine, F.
Starters Returning (2): Herbert Crook, F, 6-7/Jr. (11.8 ppg, 6.5 rpg, 52.8 FG%); Pervis Ellison, C, 6-9/Soph. (13.1 ppg, 8.2 rpg, 2.4 apg, 55.4 FG%)
Other Returnees: Mike Abram, G, 6-4/Jr.; Tony Kimbro, G-F, 6-7/Soph. (5.3 ppg, 57.2 FG%); Mark McSwain, F-C, 6-7/Sr (3.6 ppg, 2.9 rpg, 66.1 FG%); Kevyn Payne, F, 6-7/Soph. (3.6 ppg); Kevin Walls, G, 6-7/Soph. (2.1 ppg); Chris West, G, 6-3/Sr.
Newcomers: Craig Hawley, G, 6-5/Fr.; Felton Spencer, C, 7-1, 260/Fr.; Keith Williams, G, 6-4/Fr. (RS wrist)
1986-87 Record: 32-7, Metro: 10-2/1st.

1986-87 Schedule

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|-------------------------|-----|--------------------------|-----|
| Great Alaska Shootout | N28 | Virginia Tech | J20 |
| Eastern Kentucky | D6 | Cincinnati | J22 |
| Middle Tennessee State | D8 | Memphis State | J28 |
| At Western Kentucky | D10 | Kansas | J28 |
| DePaul | D13 | South Carolina | F2 |
| Tampa | D17 | At Virginia Tech | F8 |
| At Indiana | D23 | North Carolina State | F7 |
| Kentucky | D27 | At South Carolina | F11 |
| Rutgers | J3 | At Syracuse | F14 |
| Nevada Reno | J6 | Southwestern Mississippi | F16 |
| At Florida State | J7 | Florida State | F18 |
| At Wyoming | J10 | At Memphis State | F22 |
| At Southern Mississippi | J14 | At Cincinnati | F25 |
| At Purdue | J18 | At UCLA | F28 |



Cincinnati's Roger McClendon.

South Carolina (Gamecocks)

Coach: George Felton (first year at S. Carolina)
Starters Lost (2): Keith James, G, 6-8/Jr. (10.9 ppg, 3 rpg, 51.7 FG%, transfer/Nevada-Las Vegas); Linwood Moya, F (15 ppg, 8.1 rpg).
Others Lost: Duane Kendall, C (5.9 ppg, 3.8 rpg); Tom Sharle, G, Chris Troutman, G (2.5 ppg)
Starters Returning (3): Terry Dozier, F, 6-9/Soph. (13.8 ppg, 4.9 rpg); Michael Foster, G, 6-2/Sr (12 ppg, 2.1 rpg, 3.5 apg, 1.8 apg, 50.2 FG%, 82.7 FT%); Darryl Martin, C, 6-7/Jr. (11.2 ppg, 9 rpg)
Other Returnees: John Breckenridge, C, 6-9/Soph.; Perry Dozier, F-C, 6-11/Soph. (2.2 ppg, 2 rpg); Steve Holland, G, 6-4/Sr.; Tony Shaw, G, 6-4/Jr. (11.1 ppg, 3.6 rpg, academically ineligible until second semester); Bill Vernau, F, 6-6/Soph.
Newcomers: Terry Gould, G, 6-2/Jr. (JC); Reggie Smith, G, 6-4/Fr.
1986-87 Record: 12-16, Metro: 2-10/7th.
Site: Columbia, S.C.

1986-87 Schedule

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|-----------------------|-----|--------------------------|-----|
| Eckerd College (Fla.) | N29 | Memphis State | J17 |
| East Carolina | D1 | At Florida State | J21 |
| At Wisconsin | D4 | Cincinnati | J26 |
| At Loyola of Chicago | D6 | At Southern Mississippi | J31 |
| The Citadel | D10 | At Louisville | F2 |
| Clemson | D14 | Armstrong (Ga.) State | F4 |
| George Washington | D22 | At Clemson | F7 |
| Sugar Bowl Tournament | D28 | Louisville | F11 |
| Davidson | J3 | Florida State | F14 |
| Southern Mississippi | J7 | Virginia Tech | F16 |
| At Virginia Tech | J10 | At Memphis State | F19 |
| At Alabama | J12 | Mars Hill College (N.C.) | F23 |
| Idaho | J14 | At Cincinnati | F28 |

*Meadowlands

S'ern Miss. (Golden Eagles)

Coach: M.K. Turk (140-132, 10 years)
Starters Lost: None
Others Lost: John Givley, C, 6-9/Sr (2.4 ppg, elected to concentrate on baseball); Michael Jett, G (8.3 ppg, 2.2 rpg)
Starters Returning (5): Casey Fisher, G, 6-2/Jr. (11.9 ppg, 5.1 apg, 2 spg, 80.7 FT%); Derek Hamilton, F, 6-8/Jr. (13 ppg, 6.6 rpg); Randolph Keys, F-C, 6-7/Jr. (14.1 ppg, 5.7 rpg); Kenny Siler, G, 6-3/Sr (14.6 ppg, 4.3 rpg, 3.5 apg, 1.8 apg, 53.7 FG%); John White, F, 6-7/Jr. (11.1 ppg, 4.4 rpg)
Other Returnees: Willie Brown, F-C, 6-7/Soph. (2.6 ppg, 3 rpg); Jurado Hinton, F, 6-8/Soph. (2.8 ppg, 2.6 rpg)
Newcomers: John Brown, F, 6-8/Fr. (transfer/Alabama); Randy Pettus, G, 6-1/Soph. (transfer/DePaul); Jimmy Smith, G, 6-5/Soph. (transfer/Alabama)
1986-87 Record: 17-12, Metro: 6-6/4th.
Site: Hattiesburg, Miss.

1986-87 Schedule

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|---------------------|-----|---------------------|-----|
| Northeast Louisiana | D1 | At Virginia Tech | J17 |
| Arkansas State | D8 | Jackson State | J22 |
| South Alabama | D11 | Florida State | J24 |
| Central Arkansas | D13 | At McKees State | J26 |
| Cal. Riverside | D15 | At Southwestern La. | J28 |
| Georgia College | D18 | South Carolina | J31 |
| North Texas State | D20 | At Memphis State | F2 |
| At Tennessee Tech | D22 | Memphis State | F14 |
| Illinois Wesleyan | D27 | At Louisville | F16 |
| Krystal Classic | D29 | Cincinnati | F19 |
| At Cincinnati | J5 | Virginia Tech | F21 |
| At South Carolina | J7 | Arkansas State | F23 |
| Louisville | J14 | At Florida State | F28 |

*Pine Bluff, Ark.

Memphis State (Tigers)

Coach: Dana Kirk (158-68, 7 years).
Starters Lost (3): William Bedford, C (17.3 ppg, 8.5 rpg, 2.7 rpg, 58.4 FG%); Barkerville Holmes, F (14.3 ppg, 7.3 rpg); Andre Turner, G (13.9 ppg, 7.7 rpg, 2.6 apg, 85.4 FT%)
Others Lost: David Jensen, F, 6-6/Jr. (transfer/Mars Hill College).
Starters Returning (2): Vincent Askew, G-F, 6-5/Jr. (10.9 ppg, 6.7 rpg); Dwight Boyd, G, 6-3/Jr. (9.7 ppg, 2.1 rpg, 1.6 apg, 50.8 FG%, 81.1 FT%)
Other Returnees: Marvin Alexander, F-C, 6-7, 235/Soph. (4.2 ppg, 2.9 rpg); Dewayne Bailey, C, 6-9/Jr. (2.7 ppg, 90.5 FT%); Rodney Douglas, F, 6-6/Soph. Kenneth Moody, F, 6-5/Sr (3.3 rpg); Vincent Robinson, F, 6-5/Soph.; John Willong, G, 6-2/Sr (4.1 ppg).
Newcomers: Sidney Adkins, G, 6-4/Soph. (RS grade); Ronald McClain, F, 6-8/Fr.
1986-87 Record: 28-6, Metro: 8-3/2nd

1986-87 Schedule

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|------------------------|-----|-------------------------|-----|
| Cleveland State | N22 | St. Louis | J12 |
| Nevada Las Vegas | E5 | At South Carolina | J17 |
| At Maryland | D9 | Florida State | J19 |
| Cotton States Classic | D18 | Virginia Tech | J24 |
| Tennessee State | D7 | At Louisville | J28 |
| Arkansas State | D20 | Southern Mississippi | F2 |
| San Diego State | D22 | At Bradley | F7 |
| Alcorn State | D27 | At Florida State | F11 |
| Ok.ahoma State | D30 | At Southern Mississippi | F14 |
| At Missouri | J3 | At Cincinnati | F16 |
| At Austin Peay State | J5 | South Carolina | F19 |
| Cincinnati | J10 | Louisville | F22 |
| *Coca-Cola NIT Classic | | At Virginia Tech | F28 |

Virginia Tech (Hokies)

Coach: Charles Moor (203-101, 10 years)
Starters Lost (4): Bobby Buecher, F (14.3 ppg, 7.9 rpg, 80 FT%); Dave Burgess, C (6.7 ppg, 3.1 rpg, 53.1 FG%); Keith Colbert, F (14.7 ppg, 5.7 rpg); Dell Curry, G (24.1 ppg, 6.8 rpg, 3.8 apg, 2.6 apg)
Starters Returning (1): Johnny Fort, G, 6-5/Jr (5.1 ppg, 3.1 apg, 51.9 FG%)
Other Returnees: Tim Anderson, F, 6-6/Soph. (4.3 ppg, 2.3 rpg); Roy Brown, C, 6-11/Jr. (3.6 ppg, 2.2 rpg, 1.3 apg); George Caesar, G, 6-2/Soph. (4.4 ppg, 3 apg); Phil Williams, F, 6-6/Sr (3.4 ppg, 2.9 rpg).
Newcomers: Greg Brink, F, 6-8/Fr. (RS); Vernell (Bimbo) Coles, G, 6-2/Fr.; Scott Davis, G, 6-2/Fr.; Wally Luncaster, G, 6-4/Soph. (transfer/Maryland); Russell Pierre, F-C, 6-8/Jr. (transfer/N.C. State); Eric Sanders, F, 6-9/Fr.; Tom Savage, G-F, 6-6/Fr.
1986-87 Record: 22-9, Metro: 7-5/3rd.
Site: Blacksburg, Va.

1986-87 Schedule

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|-----------------------|-----|-------------------------|-----|
| At Old Dominion | N28 | Southern Mississippi | J17 |
| James Madison | D6 | At Louisville | J20 |
| At West Virginia | D10 | At Memphis State | J24 |
| Tennessee State | D13 | Virginia Commonwealth | J26 |
| Gator Bowl Tournament | D18 | East Tennessee State | J28 |
| Wake Forest | D22 | Florida State | J31 |
| Times Dispatch Tour | D29 | Louisville | F5 |
| San Francisco State | J3 | Cincinnati | F7 |
| Virginia Military | J7 | Virginia** | F11 |
| South Carolina | J10 | At South Carolina | F16 |
| At Cincinnati | J12 | At Southern Mississippi | F19 |
| At Richmond | J14 | At Florida State | F23 |
| *Roanoke, Va. | | Memphis State | F28 |
| **Richmond, Va. | | | |

blesome situation in the backcourt. Wagner and Jeff Hall are gone, as is fellow 1,000-point career scorer Thompson at forward. That trio combined for 51 percent of the Cardinals' scoring and 60 percent of their assists last year.

Louisville's front line shapes up well enough with Ellison, forward Herbert Crook (the other returning starter), sixth man Tony Kimbro, senior Mark McSwain, sophomore Kenny Payne and possibly 7-1 freshman Felton Spencer.

But the veteran guards—Kevin (bad knees) Walls, Chris West and Mike Abram—haven't looked much like "the answer" in the past. Kimbro will audition at wing guard, and freshman Craig Hawley will get a look at both spots.

"Given a choice, I'd go with experience in the backcourt and young big men," Crum said. "Look at last year's Final Four. You don't get there without good, veteran guards. Our situation is so loose that I have no idea what might eventually happen."

Even considering this rather serious gap, Crum's Cardinals will start the year as top-heavy Metro favorites. **Southern Mississippi**, which went 17-12 last year, is getting a lot of calls for second even though last year's fourth-place finish was the Golden Eagles' best in four years of league play.

Coach M K Turk returns five of the components of last year's balanced six-man offense and, with wing man Kenny Siler and playmaker Casey Fisher, might have the Metro's best backcourt. Fisher should take advantage of the three-point shot this year.

The 6-7 Keys gets good marks on defense and as an inside scorer, while Derrek Hamilton, who led the Golden Eagles in rebounding last year, and medium-range shooting expert John White are solid at forward. The frontcourt was dealt a blow, however, when 6-9 freshman Roger Boyd, who figured to be Turk's first legitimate pivotman, failed to meet the NCAA's new academic requirements.

Siler, who averaged 14.6 points per game a year ago, is one of only two seniors on the roster. The team is young but seasoned, with every starter having at least two years' experience. Depth also should not be a problem as Turk added three transfers from major colleges to his roster.

"I felt last year was make-or-break for us in terms of competing in the Metro," Turk said. "This year we'll all have to deal with rising expectations. We're not a team of stars that'll win games on raw talent. If we lose last year's drive, we've lost our best weapon."

Memphis State and Virginia Tech may need to maximize their always-formidable home-court advantages to hang near the top. Problems abound at Memphis State, where a one-year NCAA probation

is certain to end a streak of five consecutive NCAA Tournament appearances and Coach Dana Kirk's personal finances are being scrutinized by a local grand jury.

A pair of juniors, the very underrated swingman Vincent Askew and guard Dwight Boyd, remain as building blocks. Askew could well be underrated because there's never any telling where he'll take his next dribble. Over the summer, he completed a personal hat trick by announcing he was leaving Memphis State

and later announcing his "return" for the third time.

There's no true center on hand to replace Bedford, but 6-7 wide body Marvin Alexander will throw his weight around somewhere. Even more worrisome is locating a stand-in for Turner, who started for four years at point guard and supplied his teammates with just the right blend of drive, cockiness and intelligence. Senior

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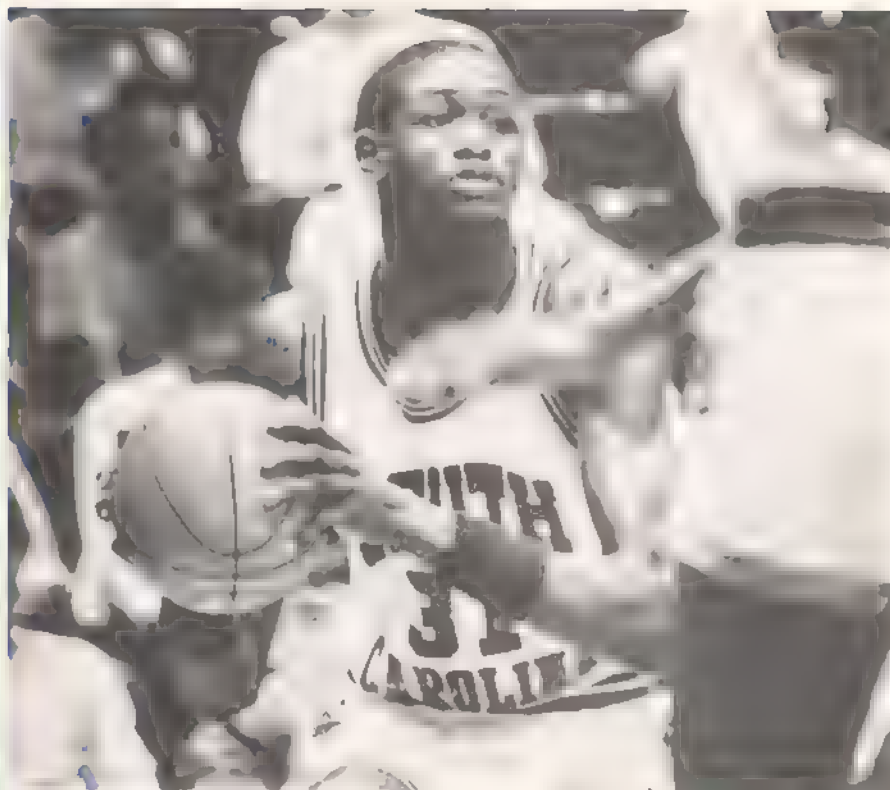
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South Carolina's Terry Dozier (above) and Florida State guard Pee-Wee Barber are two of the Metro Conference's up-and-coming stars.

John Wilfong gets the first shot at the job. Forward Sylvester Gray could make waves as a newcomer—if he is academically eligible.

Before dismissing the Tigers, it would be best to remember they've won 37 straight games at Mid-South Coliseum. It's a streak that might expire when Memphis State opens against Cleveland State in the preseason National Invitation Tournament.

Virginia Tech, working on a string of five consecutive 20-victory seasons, has a total makeover in progress. Coach Charles Moir's two best players might be a pair of Atlantic Coast Conference transfers who have yet to play a minute for the Hokies.

Guard Wally Lancaster (Maryland) will step in for Curry, and forward-center Russell Pierre (North Carolina State) could give the Hokies the muscular rebounder they have lacked thus far this decade. Other new faces in the starting five should be 6-11 center Roy Brow, who still is just a prospect after two varsity seasons, and roughhousing sophomore Tim Anderson, senior Phil Williams or freshman Tom Savage at small forward.

That leaves the point guard spot, which was shared fairly evenly by Johnny Fort and George Caesar last winter. Neither player was consistent, so Moir is looking for either of the veterans or freshman Vernell (Bimbo) Coles to emerge as a smooth floor leader.

Virginia Tech undoubtedly will miss Curry's league-leading 24.1-point average, but Moir is convinced that Hokie partisans "will learn to love Wally Lancaster if they just don't expect him to be another Dell Curry. Wally doesn't quite have Dell's

range or quite as quick a release, but he's a good shooter and takes it to the basket much better than Dell did."

Joe Williams-coached teams at Florida State fell into the different but more costly (at least to Williams) habit of not peaking until it was too late to do much good. If basketball seasons started in mid-February, Pat Kennedy wouldn't be propping his feet on Williams' old desk today.

Kennedy, who came from Iona, starts his tenure with the Seminoles armed with four returning starters, two returning part-time starters, two incoming freshmen and junior college transfer Anthony Blackman.

How he'll combine all the ingredients isn't certain, but his top priorities could be squeezing more production out of a veteran frontcourt and repealing the Seminoles' "open door policy" on defense, which allowed opponents to turn many games into layup drills.

Kennedy's edges begin with the presence of Barber (16.8 scoring average), not all that small at 6-1 and one of the country's best "Who dat?" players. There's also more talent up front than the modest 1986 numbers of Randy Allen, Jerome Fitchett, 'Tat Hunter and Raleigh Choice might indicate.

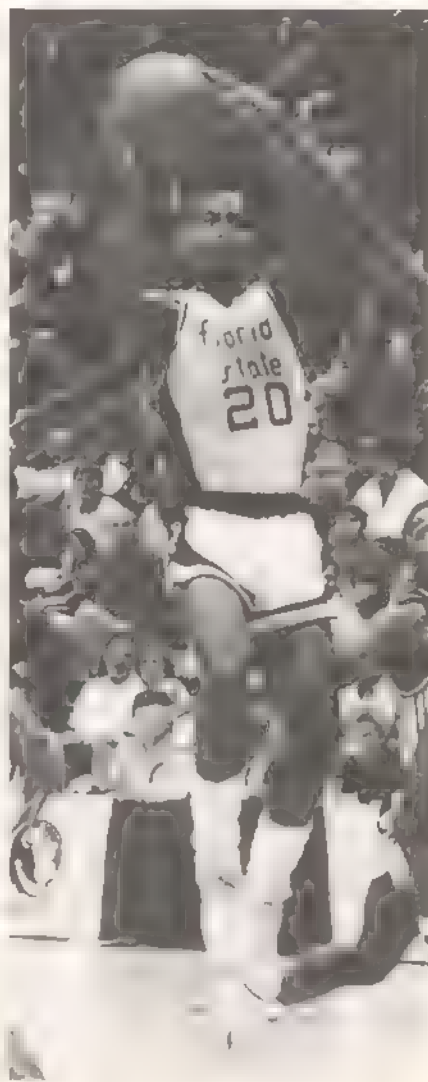
At Cincinnati, a surprising 17 victories in 1985 were followed by the unpleasant surprise of a 12-16 record with three senior starters last year. McClendon, a junior wing guard, could easily better his 16.5 scoring average if most of the Bearcats' attack wasn't funneled inside toward less reliable hands.

Coach Tony Yates took several recruiting gambles and was resigned to waiting "possibly until we open school in late September" to learn how many of his seven recruits measured up to NCAA academic guidelines. The two he most wanted to see qualify were forwards Louis Banks and Levertis Robinson, both prodigious scorers in high school, but it appeared that they would not be eligible.

Without at least two of them, the Bearcats probably won't be able to get past a South Carolina team that starts the year with just nine scholarship players and an eight-game losing streak in progress. There is, as you might imagine, a new coach as George Felton, a South Carolina alumnus and former Georgia Tech assistant, replaced Bill Foster.

Felton starts with two distinct pluses—point guard Michael Foster, who finally hit his stride as a junior, and 6-9 sophomore Terry Dozier, who was most impressive despite being sidelined for six weeks with a broken wrist as a freshman. There's also the intriguing case of 6-7 junior Darryl Martin, who led the league in rebounding but still is at the introductory level in most other phases of the game. ■

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Year of the Guard

The Little Guys Are Taking Over SEC Basketball

By MARK BRADLEY

A year ago, forwards ruled this roost. Four forwards lifted their teams into the NCAA Tournament's round of 16. Three months later, all four were taken in the first round of the National Basketball Association draft. And now, at the zenith of its basketball ascendance, the Southeastern Conference bids grateful farewell to those forwards—Chuck Person and Kenny Walker, John Williams and Buck Johnson—and prepares to be overrun by...

Guards.

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Guards, guards everywhere.

Kentucky, the defending titlist, will start three again. So will Alabama. Ditto Florida, the league's burgeoning power. Auburn's pair enters its fourth season of partnership. And good as the four golden forwards of '85 were, Tennessee's Tony White led the SEC in scoring. He's a guard, and he's back.

"All over the league," White said, "every team's got good guards."

Florida guard Andrew Moten had to quibble on that point.

"You can't really say every team's got good guards," he said. "In our league, every team's got *great* guards."

And, in a blissful marriage of men and a moment, SEC guards are poised to control their conference the very year legislation hands them another weapon. The notion of the three-point basket delights guards everywhere, and no league has guards like the SEC.

"People don't understand what an impact the three-point rule will have for guards," Kentucky Coach Eddie Sutton said. "That alone makes it a completely different game."

Different? Yes. SEC guards are noted for penetrating, for wheeling and dishing, for taking defenses one-on-five and winning. White is 6 foot 2 but works wonders in the lane. So does Moten, who's 6-foot. Florida Coach Norm Sloan upbraids Vernon Maxwell, another thoroughbred in the Gators' stable, for driving too often. Alabama's Terry Coner beat Illinois in last year's NCAA Tournament with a back-in jumper. Frank Ford, whom Auburn lists as a guard-forward, weighs 215 pounds and is as strong as most power forwards.

No, SEC guards have never been dainty creatures who dared not stray from the



Tennessee's high-scoring Tony White is one of the brightest stars in the Southeastern Conference, land of the little guys.

perimeter.

"In this league, the name of the game is taking the ball to the basket," Auburn Coach Sonny Smith said. "That's our style. We all look for big guards, and we've all got weight programs to make 'em bigger. And now those guards have the three-point play to loosen things up."

As if they needed it. At its best, SEC basketball is joyously loose. This isn't a league of tedious pound-it-inside offenses and coaches who overshadow their teams. No, the SEC is a league of *athletes*. It should be noted that, in last season's NCAA Tournament, the SEC's fleet representatives sped past more sedate teams from the Big Ten and the Big East, from the Metro and the ACC. Auburn beat St. John's by 16 points. Louisiana State beat Georgia Tech in Atlanta. The only outsider to oust an SEC team was Louisville—the eventual champion, the essence of

athleticism.

"People get hung up on positions," Sutton said. "We don't do that. In our league, there's a trend toward putting as many good athletes on the floor as possible. We don't worry about having a four-man, a five-man. If we have to use three guards, we use three guards."

Kentucky went 17-1 in the SEC with its three. Alabama tied for second using three. LSU went to the Final Four with three, Florida to the National Invitation Tournament semifinals using three. Everybody ran. Everybody played pressure defense.

"That's the SEC's brand of basketball," Sloan said, "pushing it up, getting after people. When you have athletes, you can do that. And from having coached in the ACC, I can say there are more great ath-

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Alabama (Crimson Tide)

Coach: Wimp Sanderson (127-61, 8 years)
Starters Lost (1): Buck Johnson, F (20.7 ppg, 8.3 rpg, 57.7 FG%, 83.2 FT%)
Others Lost: Gary White, G (2.6 ppg)
Starters Returning (4): Terry Coner, G 6-3/Sr (10.9 ppg, 2.8 rpg, 7.5 apg) Jim Farmer, G-F, 6 3/Sr (12.8 ppg, 4.7 rpg, 51.5 FG%), Mark Gottfried, G, 6-2/Sr (6.9 ppg, 2 rpg) Derrick McKey, C, 6-9/Jr (13.6 ppg, 7.9 rpg, 2.3 bpg, 63.6 FG%)
Other Returnees: Michael Ansley, F, 6-7/Soph (5.9 ppg, 4.2 rpg, 60.4 FG%), Craig Dudley, G-F, 8-4/Jr.; James Jackson, G, 5-11/Sr (4.1 ppg, 88 FT%)
Newcomers: Keith Askins, F, 6 5/Fr., John Balk, F 6-8/Fr., Rob Cornegy, C, 6-11/Jr. (St. John's, JC), William DeVaughn, C, 6-9/Fr. (IRS/foot), Josh Gilbert F, 6 8/Fr.; Joe Hudson, G, 6 3/Fr.
1985-86 Record: 24-9; SEC: 13-5/T2nd
Site: Tuscaloosa, Ala.

1986-87 Schedule

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|------------------------|-----|----------------------|-----|
| At Northeast Louisiana | N28 | Louisiana State | J14 |
| Furman | D1 | At Mississippi | J17 |
| At Florida State | D6 | Auburn | J21 |
| Arkansas* | D10 | At Tennessee | J24 |
| Duke† | D13 | At Florida | J28 |
| Appalachian State | D20 | Georgia | J31 |
| At Georgia | D22 | At Mississippi State | F4 |
| BMA Holiday Tour | D29 | Kentucky | F7 |
| Mississippi State | J3 | At Vanderbilt | F11 |
| At Kentucky | J7 | At Louisiana State | F14 |
| Vanderbilt | J10 | Mississippi | F18 |
| South Carolina | J12 | At Auburn | F21 |
| *Birmingham, Ala. | | Tennessee | F25 |
| †Meadowlands | | Florida | F28 |

Bold face denotes conference-leading totals.



Alabama's Terry Coner.

Auburn (Tigers)

Coach: Sonny Smith (127-111, 8 years)
Starters Lost (1): Chuck Person, F (21.5 ppg, 7.9 rpg, 51.9 FG%, 80.4 FT%)
Others Lost: Gary Godfrey, F-C, Vern Strickland, F, Frank Ford, G-F 8-4/Sr (11.1 ppg, 4.4 rpg, 54.4 FG%), Jeff Moore, C, 6 7/Jr. (10.9 ppg, 7.1 rpg, 50.7 FG%) Chris Morris, F, 6-7/Jr. (9.8 ppg, 5.2 rpg, 50 FG%), Gerald White, G, 6-1/Sr (5.3 ppg, 2.6 rpg, 6.7 apg)
Other Returnees: Melvin Harraison, G, 6-2/Sr., Terrence Howard, G, 6-1/Jr. (2.5 ppg), Mike Jones, F, 6-7/Soph (8.7 ppg, 3.4 rpg, 82 FT%), Rob Jones, G, 6-2/Jr.; Johnny Lynn, G, 6-2/Jr. (2.1 ppg)
Newcomers: John Caylor, F, 6-7/Fr., Andree Davis G-F, 6-5/Soph (transfer/West Virginia); Derrick Denison, G, 6-4/Fr.; Jeff McFadden, F-C, 6 7/Fr.
1985-86 Record: 22-11, SEC: 13-5/T2nd
Site: Auburn, Ala.

1986-87 Schedule

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|------------------------|-----|--------------------|-----|
| At Alabama-Birmingham | N28 | Mississippi | J24 |
| Armstrong State (Ga.) | D1 | At Louisiana State | J28 |
| Austin Peay State | D11 | Florida | J31 |
| Southwestern Louisiana | D15 | Nevada-Las Vegas | F1 |
| At Eastern Kentucky | D16 | At Kentucky | F4 |
| Augusta (Ga.) | D18 | At Georgia | F7 |
| Sun Bowl Tournament | D28 | At Florida | F9 |
| Kentucky | J3 | Mississippi State | F11 |
| Georgia | J7 | At Tennessee | F14 |
| At Mississippi State | J10 | Alabama | F21 |
| Tennessee | J14 | Vanderbilt | F23 |
| At Vanderbilt | J17 | At Mississippi | F25 |
| At Alabama | J21 | Louisiana State | M3 |

Florida (Gators)

Coach: Norm Sloan (168-158, 12 years)
Starters Lost: None
Others Lost: Neil Brantley, F, 6-7/Soph (6.7 ppg, 2.9 rpg, flunked out), Jon Carrington, C, 6-8/Sr (3 ppg, flunked out), Mark Saso, C
Starters Returning (5): Joe Lawrence, F, 6-6/Sr (10.4 ppg, 3.4 rpg, 52 FG%, 80 FT%); Vernon Maxwell, G-F 6-4/Jr. (19.6 ppg, 4.5 rpg), Kenny McClary, C, 6-7/Jr. (5.6 ppg, 5.6 rpg, 54.2 FG%) Ronnie Montgomery, G, 6-0/Jr. (5 ppg, 2.3 rpg, 4.8 apg, 82.3 FT%), Andrew Moten, G, 6-0/Sr (16.9 ppg, 3.9 rpg)
Other Returnees: Chris Capers, F, 6-6/Soph (3.7 ppg, 3.6 rpg), Pat Lawrence, F, 6-7/Jr. (3.5 ppg, 2.7 rpg), Clifford Lett, G, 6-3/Soph (12 ppg)
Newcomers: Pat Aaron, G, 6-4/Fr., Dwayne Schintz, C, 7-1/Fr.
1985-86 Record: 19-14, SEC: 10-8/4th
Site: Gainesville, Fla.

1986-87 Schedule

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|-----------------------|-----|----------------------|-----|
| At Florida State | N28 | Tennessee | J17 |
| At Seton Hall | D1 | At Louisiana State | J21 |
| Western Carolina | D2 | Vanderbilt | J24 |
| Southern Methodist | D4 | Alabama | J28 |
| Central Florida | D10 | At Auburn | J31 |
| At South Florida | D13 | Georgia | F4 |
| Louisiana State | D16 | At Mississippi State | F7 |
| Gator Bowl Tournament | D19 | Auburn | F9 |
| Rainbow Classic | D27 | Mississippi | F11 |
| At Georgia | J3 | Kentucky | F14 |
| Mississippi State | J7 | At Tennessee | F18 |
| At Mississippi | J10 | Miami (Fla.) | F21 |
| At Kentucky | J14 | At Vanderbilt | F25 |
| *Pensacola, Fla. | | At Alabama | F28 |

Georgia (Bulldogs)

Coach: Hugh Durham (146-96, 8 years)
Starters Lost (3): Donald Harby, G (13.2 ppg, 5.1 apg), Horace McMillan, F (10.6 ppg, 5.9 rpg, 82.6 FT%), Joe Ward, F (15.6 ppg, 5.3 rpg, 53.7 FG%)
Others Lost: Chris Duncan, G, 6-5/Fr. (transfer/Hiwassee JC)
Starters Returning (2): David Dunn, C, 6-8/Sr (9 ppg, 5.8 rpg, 56.7 FG%) Dennis Williams, G, 6-4/Sr (8.9 ppg, 3 rpg)
Other Returnees: Willie Anderson, F, 6-7/Jr (8.5 ppg, 3.4 rpg), Patrick Hamilton, G, 6-2/Soph (3.9 ppg), Chad Kessler, F-C, 6 8/Sr (5.2 ppg, 54.4 FG%), Tony Mack, G-F, 6-5/Soph (4.2 ppg)
Newcomers: Milt Bakely, G, 5-8/Soph (JC), Eric Burdette, F, 6-9/Fr. (RS), Alec Kessler, F, 6-9/Fr. (RS), Derrick Kree, F, 6-6/Fr.; Craig Uhle, C, 6-9/Fr., Brad Vickers, C, 6-9/Fr.
1985-86 Record: 17-13 SEC: 9-9 T5th
Site: A., mts, Ga.

1986-87 Schedule

| | | | |
|--------------------------|-----|----------------------|-----|
| Seattle | N28 | At Louisiana State | J10 |
| At Armstrong State (Ga.) | N30 | Vanderbilt | J14 |
| Georgia Tech* | D3 | Mississippi State | J17 |
| Central Florida† | D8 | At Mississippi | J21 |
| Cotton States Classic | D13 | Tennessee | J28 |
| Hawaiian Tropic Classic | D18 | At Alabama | J31 |
| Auburn | D22 | At Florida | F4 |
| Columbus (Ga.) College | D27 | Auburn | F7 |
| Kentucky† | D30 | Louisiana State | F11 |
| Florida | J3 | At Vanderbilt | F14 |
| At Auburn | J7 | At Mississippi State | F18 |
| *Omni Atlanta | | Mississippi | F21 |
| †Auburn, Ala. | | Kentucky | F25 |
| ‡Louisville, Ky. | | At Tennessee | F28 |

Kentucky (Wildcats)

Coach: Edlie Sutton (32-4, 1 year)
Starters Lost (2): Roger Harden, G (6.8 ppg, 2.2 rpg, 5.4 apg, 52.4 FG%, 83.9 FT%), Kenny Walker, F (20 ppg, 7.7 rpg, 58.2 FG%)
Others Lost: Leroy Byrd, G
Starters Returning (3): Winston Bennett, F 6-7/Sr (12.7 ppg, 7 rpg, 50.6 FG%), James Blackmon, G 6-3/Sr (9.4 ppg, 4 rpg), Ed Davender, G, 6 2/Jr (11.5 ppg, 2.7 rpg, 3.4 apg, 79.4 FT%)
Other Returnees: Paul Andrews, G, 6 3/Sr, Cedric Jenkins, F-C, 6-9/Jr (3.3 ppg, 2.3 rpg), Robert Lock, C, 6-10/Jr (2.9 ppg), Richard Madison, F, 6 7/Jr (4.8 ppg, 2.6 rpg, 57.4 FG%), Irving Thomas, F-C, 6 7/Soph., Todd Ziegler, F, 6-7/Jr. (2 ppg)
Newcomers: Rex Chapman, G, 6-4/Fr., Derrick Miller, G-F, 6-6/Fr.
1985-86 Record: 32-4 SEC: 17-1/1st
Site: Lexington, Ky.

1986-87 Schedule

| | | | |
|-----------------------|-----|--------------------|-----|
| Austin Peay State | N28 | At Vanderbilt | J21 |
| Texas Tech. | D2 | Navy | J25 |
| At Indiana | D6 | At Mississippi | J28 |
| Lamar | D13 | Mississippi State | J31 |
| Kentucky Invitational | D18 | Auburn | F4 |
| At Louisville | D27 | At Alabama | F7 |
| Georgia* | D30 | Tennessee | F11 |
| At Auburn | J3 | At Florida | F14 |
| Alabama | J7 | Vanderbilt | F18 |
| At Tennessee | J10 | At Louisiana State | F21 |
| At Mississippi State | J12 | At Georgia | F25 |
| Florida | J14 | Mississippi | F28 |
| Louisiana State | J18 | Oklahoma | M* |
| *Louisville, Ky. | | | |

letes in the SEC than in the ACC. Every one of our guards can take it to the hole, and every one can shoot it."

To be fair, a huge reason the SEC caters to smallish players who thrive in open court is that there are no dominating centers.

"That makes a difference, sure," White said. "What we've had are a lot of 6-7 guys playing inside. That's why guards have confidence to drive, knowing some 7-footer's not in there to throw it back at you."

Said Smith: "Last year was the year of the forward in our league. This year's the year of the guard. But it's never been the year of the center. Big guys are usually recruited by name recognition, and our league has had a tough time being recognized as a basketball league. Of course, Florida just got a 7-footer, and that may change."

In a league where every team owns superb guards, even the semblance of a true center will be telling. And that's why Alabama, Kentucky's punching bag a year ago, should win the SEC.

The Crimson Tide has 6-9 Derrick McKey. In this league, he's as close to an established center as there is. He has long arms. He blocked 76 shots last season, tops in the conference. He averaged 13.6 points and 7.9 rebounds per game while hitting 63.6 percent of his field-goal attempts, the league high.

McKey was nobody's dream recruit. As a senior in Meridian, Miss., he didn't make all-state. But he was starting at Alabama by the end of his freshman season, and last year he grew into a star. A 26-point, 12-rebound game at LSU trumpeted McKey's arrival, and a string of solid post-season outings stamped him as the league's central figure for this year. To emphasize the point, he was the SEC's sole representative on the U.S. team in the world championships in Spain last summer.

For wealth of guards, only Florida comes close to 'Bama. The Tide returns three starters—Coner, Jim Farmer (who swings between guard and forward) and Mark Gottfried—plus sixth man James Jackson. Converge on McKey? Just watch those guards launch three-pointers. Jam the guards? Then McKey runs free underneath.

Nobody outside the SEC has heard of Coner (except in Illinois, where they swear he shuffled his feet before drilling that NCAA Tournament game-winner), but conference brethren rave over him. Coner has led the league in assists two years running, and according to Tennessee's White: "That Coner's a pretty nice player. He'll surprise you. He's the best guy I go against."

The question for Alabama Coach Wimp Sanderson is whether forward Michael Ansley can furnish enough rebounding

and inside scoring to make up for the loss of Johnson. History indicates Ansley can. When Johnson missed four games last year, Ansley started all four, averaging 13.8 points and 9.5 rebounds.

Alas, the Tide lost four times to Kentucky, spoiling what was otherwise a giddy season. Wherever Alabama turned, the Wildcats were there to block the path. The Tide advanced to the finals of the SEC Tournament for the fourth time in five years, only to lose to Kentucky. The Tide crashed the NCAA's final 16 for the third time in five years, only to ... you get the picture.

Until it was upset in the Southeast Regional final by LSU, Kentucky was as efficient a team as has ever graced the SEC. Counting postseason games, the Wildcats were 21-2 against league opponents, an astonishing achievement in a conference so otherwise balanced.

"It'll be a long time before anyone does that again," Sutton said. "And we did get some lucky bounces."

Whatever the label—luck, skill, divine intervention—the Wildcats made every play they needed from New Year's Day until the candle burned out against LSU. Roger Harden became the greatest clutch shooter since Jerry West. Walker ruled games with his manic intensity. Sutton, in his first year at Kentucky, punched all the right buttons. A team picked to finish third in the league won breezing.

A year later, the Wildcats are more settled. The players know Sutton now, and vice versa. The Wildcats return three starters and welcome the league's most promising freshman in guard Rex Chapman. Still, even Sutton, who doesn't engage in the usual coachy poor-mouthing, said, "We won't be as good this year."

Without Walker, the Wildcats must look to forward Winston Bennett for inside scoring, and Bennett, while a ferocious competitor and a splendid complementary player, is neither as gifted nor as reliable as the Walkman. Bennett still fouls too much, committing 123 personal last year and fouling out six times.

Chapman surely will take Harden's spot alongside James Blackmon and Ed Davender in Sutton's guard rotation, and the three should feast on three-pointers.

But the Wildcats, despite protracted efforts to find a center, cannot match McKey. The best Kentucky can offer is Cedric Jenkins, who played some nice minutes down the stretch last year, and junior Robert Lock. Junior forward Richard Madison is due for a season that befits his impressive prep credentials.

After trying forever, Florida finally should make the NCAA Tournament. Never have the Gators stirred so much interest, and never has their roster brimmed with such talent.



Florida's Andrew Moten.

Louisiana State (Tigers)

Coach: Dale Brown (257-152, 14 years)
Starters Lost (3): Don Redden, F (13 ppg, 4.8 rpg, 51.2 FG%, 84.6 FT%), Derrick Taylor, G (13.8 ppg, 3.8 rpg, 2.2 spg, 88 FT%), John Williams, F (17.8 ppg, 8.5 rpg, 3.3 spg, entered NBA draft).
Starters Returning (2): Ricky Blanton, C, 6-7/Jr. (6.3 ppg, 4.9 rpg, 59.1 FG%); Anthony Wilson, G, 6-5/Sr. (9.6 ppg, 88 FT%).
Others Returning: Oliver Brown, G-F, 6-6/Sr. (2.5 ppg), Neboisha Bukumovich, G, 6-4/Jr., Zoran Jovanovich, C, 7-1, 247/Jr. (4.2 ppg, 2.8 rpg); Jose Vargas, C, 6-10/Jr. (3 ppg), Nikita Wilson, F, 6-8/Sr. (13.1 ppg, 6 rpg, 54.5 FG%, academically ineligible first semester), Bernard Woodside, G-F, 6-6/Jr.
Newcomers: Parker Griffith, G, 6-11/Fr., Fess Irvin, G, 6-11/Fr., Darryl Joe, G, 6-2/Jr. (JC), Ben McDonald, F, 6-6/Fr., Paulo Simoes, G, 6-3/Fr. (from Brazil).
1985-86 Record: 26-12; SEC: 9-9/T6th.
Site: Baton Rouge, La.

1986-87 Schedule

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|---------------------|-----|----------------------|-----|
| Texas Christian* | N21 | Florida | J21 |
| Arkansas State | D4 | Western Kentucky | J24 |
| At McNeese State | D6 | At Mississippi State | J25 |
| Georgia Tech | D14 | Auburn | J28 |
| At Florida | D16 | At Vanderbilt | J31 |
| At LSU (invitation) | D19 | Mississippi | F4 |
| Vanderbilt | D22 | Tennessee | F7 |
| At Mississippi | J5 | Northern Arizona | F9 |
| At Tennessee | J7 | At Georgia | F11 |
| Georgia | J10 | Alabama | F14 |
| At Oklahoma | J12 | Kentucky | F21 |
| At Alabama | J14 | Mississippi State | F25 |
| At Kentucky | J18 | At Auburn | M3 |

*Coca Cola NIT Classic

Mississippi (Rebels)

Coach: Ed Murphy (first year at Mississippi).
Starters Lost (2): Derek Horne, C (2.8 ppg, 3.9 rpg), Curtis Ritchwood, F (13.3 ppg, 7.5 rpg, 55.8 FG%).
Others Lost: Steve Calhoun, G-F, 6-5/Jr. (transfer/Furman).
Starters Returning (3): Joe Ayers, G, 6-5/Sr. (8.4 ppg, 2.6 rpg), Roderick Barnes, G, 6-1/Jr. (10.2 ppg, 2.7 rpg, 5.3 spg, 1.7 spg, 80.7 FT%); Eric Smith, F, 6-6, 220/Sr. (17.5 ppg, 8.8 rpg, 1.7 spg).
Other Returnees: Joe Coleman, G, 6-1/Jr. (6.9 ppg); Keith Kessinger, G, 6-2/Soph. (2 ppg), Ronnie Sims, C, 6-9/Sr. (4.3 ppg, 2.9 rpg), Bruce Tranterberger, F, 6-7/Jr. (3 ppg).
Newcomers: Bo Allen, F, 6-8/Fr., Paul Horn, F, C, 6-8/Jr. (JC), Ronnie Miller, G, 6-1/Jr. (JC), Sean Murphy, C, 6-10/Fr. (will RS); Charles Prater, G, F, 6-4/Jr. (JC), Clint Stegall, F-C, 6-8/Fr. (RS).
1985-86 Record: 12-17, SEC: 4-14, 9th.
Site: Oxford, Miss.

1986-87 Schedule

| | | | |
|------------------------|-----|--------------------|-----|
| Washington (Mo) | N29 | Georgia | J21 |
| Arkansas* | D3 | At Auburn | J24 |
| At North Texas State | D6 | Kentucky | J26 |
| Arkansas State | D9 | At Tennessee | J31 |
| Southeastern Louisiana | D13 | Tennessee | F2 |
| At Tulsa | D18 | At Louisiana State | F4 |
| Mississippi College | D20 | At Southall | F6 |
| Holiday Bowl Classic | D27 | At Florida | F11 |
| Louisiana State | J5 | Mississippi State | F14 |
| At Vanderbilt | J7 | At Alabama | F18 |
| Florida | J10 | At Georgia | F21 |
| At Mississippi State | J14 | Auburn | F25 |
| Alabama | J17 | At Kentucky | F28 |

*Memphis Tenn.

Mississippi State (Bulldogs)

Coach: Richard Williams (first year at Miss. State).
Starters Lost (2): Raymond Brown, C (11.8 ppg, 5.7 rpg, 54.7 FG%, transfer/Idaho); Chauncey Robinson, F (14 ppg, 7 rpg, 3.1 rpg).
Others Lost: Ervin Dillon, F (5.8 ppg, 3.5 rpg, 53.6 FG%).
Starters Returning (3): Anthony Blakey, F, 6-8/Soph. (6.1 ppg, 4.5 rpg), Greg Lockhart, G, 6-2/Soph. (8.8 ppg, 82 FT%), Tracy Taylor, G, 6-2/Sr. (16.8 ppg, 2 rpg, 4.6 rpg).
Other Returnees: Chris Hall, G, 6-3/Jr., Hubert Henderson, F, 6-10/Jr. (4.2 ppg), Mark Peters, G, 6-4/Sr. (5.1 ppg).
Newcomers: Tony Edmond, G, 6-1/Fr., Keith Kelly, F, 6-7/Fr., Walt McKelley, F, 6-6/Soph. (JC), Robert Woodard, G, 6-3/Fr.
1985-86 Record: 8-22, SEC: 3-15/10th.
Site: Starkville, Miss.

1986-87 Schedule

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|---------------------------|-----|--------------------|-----|
| Illinois Wesleyan | N29 | At Tennessee | J21 |
| Christ an Brothers (Tenn) | D2 | Louisiana State | J25 |
| Mississippi College | D6 | Vanderbilt | J28 |
| Wichita State | D10 | At Kentucky | J31 |
| De a State Miss | D13 | Alabama | F4 |
| At Tenn. Chattanooga | D15 | Florida | F7 |
| Far West Classic | D26 | Auburn | F11 |
| At Alabama | J3 | At Mississippi | F14 |
| At Florida | J7 | Georgia | F18 |
| Auburn | J10 | Tennessee | F21 |
| Kentucky | J12 | At Louisiana State | F25 |
| Mississippi | J14 | At Vanderbilt | F28 |
| At Georgia | J17 | | |

Tennessee (Volunteers)

Coach: Don DeVoe (155-98, 8 years).
Starters Lost (1): Rob Jones, C (10.7 ppg, 7.7 rpg, 58 FG%).
Others Lost: Mike Johanson, C.
Starters Returning (4): Mark Griffin, F, 6-8/Soph. (3.4 ppg, 2 rpg), Fred Jenkins, G, 6-4/Sr. (7.6 ppg, 3.3 rpg, 3.9 spg), Byron Nix, F, 6-7/Soph. (7 ppg, 4.3 rpg), Tony White, G, 6-2/Sr. (22.2 ppg, 2.1 rpg, 50.5 FG%, 87.3 FT%).
Other Returnees: Sam Arterburn, F, 6-6/Jr., Elvin Brown, G-F, 6-5/Soph. (4.8 ppg, 2.3 rpg), Tyrone Harper, F, 6-7/Sr. (2.3 ppg), Ron Hausley, G, 6-4/Jr.; Anthony Richardson, F, 6-6/Sr. (7.6 ppg, 3 rpg), Doug Roth, C, 6-11, 255/Soph. (3.3 ppg, 2.2 rpg).
Newcomers: Ian Lockhart, F, 6-7/Fr. (from Bahamas).
1985-86 Record: 12-16; SEC: 5-13/8th.
Site: Knoxville.

1986-87 Schedule

| | | | |
|---------------------|-----|----------------------|-----|
| Appalachian State | N28 | Auburn | J24 |
| Louisiana Tech | D3 | At Georgia | J28 |
| At Marquette | D13 | Mississippi | J31 |
| Volunteer Classic | D19 | At Mississippi | F2 |
| Virginia Military | D22 | Vanderbilt | F4 |
| Southern California | D27 | At Louisiana State | F7 |
| Red Lobster Classic | D29 | At Kentucky | F11 |
| At Vanderbilt | J3 | Auburn | F14 |
| Louisiana State | J7 | Florida | F18 |
| Kentucky | J10 | At Mississippi State | F21 |
| At Auburn | J14 | At Alabama | F25 |
| At Florida | J17 | Georgia | F28 |
| Mississippi State | J21 | | |

Vanderbilt (Commodores)

Coach: C.M. Newton (72-74, 5 years).
Starters Lost (3): Brett Burrow, C (13.2 ppg, 5.8 rpg, 82.5 FT%), Darrell Dulaney, G (9.9 ppg, 2.4 rpg, 3.4 spg, 1.7 spg), Jeff Gary, G (10.9 ppg, 2.1 rpg).
Starters Returning (2): Glen Clem, F, 6-6/Sr. (5.6 ppg), Steve Reece, F, 6-9/Sr. (8.2 ppg, 3.8 rpg).
Other Returnees: Bud Adams, F, 6-5/Soph. (4.3 ppg), Barry Booker, G, 6-3/Soph. (3.6 ppg), Barry Goheen, G, 6-3/Soph. (8.1 ppg), Frank Kornet, F, 6-8/Soph. (4.8 ppg, 3.7 rpg), Randy Neff, F-C, 6-7/Sr.; Wil Perdue, C, 6-11/Sr. (3.5 ppg, 2.8 rpg), Bobby Westbrook, F, 6-5/Sr. (7.3 ppg, 5.7 rpg).
Newcomers: Scott Draud, G, 6-2/Fr., Sydney Ginder, G, 6-2/Fr. (RS), Eric Reid, F, 6-8/Fr., Chp Rupp, F, 6-6/Fr. (RS), Derrick Wicox, G, 6-0/Fr.
1985-86 Record: 13-15, SEC: 7-11/7th.
Site: Nashville, Tenn.

1986-87 Schedule

| | | | |
|-------------------------|-----|----------------------|-----|
| Hawaiian Airlines Inv | N28 | At Florida | J24 |
| Tenn. Chattanooga | D3 | At Mississippi State | J28 |
| At Duke | D6 | Louisiana State | J31 |
| Indiana | D9 | At Tennessee | F4 |
| At Pennsylvania | D13 | Notre Dame | F6 |
| Music City Invitational | D19 | At Mississippi | F9 |
| Sugar Bowl Tournament | D28 | Alabama | F11 |
| Tennessee | J3 | Georgia | F14 |
| Mississippi | J7 | At Kentucky | F18 |
| At Alabama | J10 | At Auburn | F23 |
| At Georgia | J14 | Florida | F25 |
| Auburn | J17 | Mississippi State | F28 |
| Kentucky | J21 | | |

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Moten and Maxwell are legitimate all-stars, each capable of scoring 25 points per night. Together they averaged 36.5 points last season, taking turns twisting in and flipping home triple-pump layups.

"Andrew's the best 6-foot rebounder I've ever seen," Sloan said, "and Vernon has amazing ability in the air."

Guard Ronnie Montgomery distributes the ball, no small chore on a team with such ardent shooters as Moten and Maxwell. But the Gators' best shooter is forward Joe Lawrence, whom Sloan considers "really a fourth guard." Lawrence made 52 percent of his shots last season, mostly from radar range, and is the early-line favorite to lead the league in three-pointers.

But with so many guards, who cleans the glass? Kenny McClary, last year's starting center, is a possibility, but the more likely candidate is 7-1 freshman Dwayne Schintzius.

"He's got a way to go," Moten said, "but I played with him in the summer, and he was blocking like 12 shots a game. That's all we need from him."

All Auburn needs sophomore Mike Jones to be is another Chuck Person. That's it. Should Jones, a heralded recruit two years ago and the SEC Freshman of the Year last season, approximate the wondrous Person's contributions, the Tigers could win the league. Virtually everyone else returns from the team that wrecked St. John's and scared Louisville in the West Regional final.

Ford and Gerald White, the senior guards, have started since they were freshmen. So have center Jeff Moore and forward Chris Morris, both juniors.

Normally, such across-the-board skill and seasoning would place a team at the top of any league, but Auburn remains a curious mixture. Morris can be spectacular one game and sulk the next. Jones astounds coaches with his natural gifts and confounds them with his disposition. Smith did a grand coaching job last year, juggling egos and driving this team to a second-place tie with Alabama in the league, but a horrendous quarterfinal loss to Mississippi State in the SEC Tournament underscored just how unstable the Tigers can be.

In addition, Person's departure leaves Auburn with a shortage of what other SEC schools have in abundance—outside shooting. Ford, who will see a lot of action at small forward this winter, works best on the baseline, and White is more a passer than a scorer. The hope here is freshman guard Derrick Dennison.

As ever, confusion reigns on the Bayou. This is, after all, LSU, known to some as LSZoo. A year ago, the Tigers lost Tito Horford in preseason, lost Nikita Wilson to grades, lost John Williams and Bernard Woodside to the chicken pox and wound up in the Final Four. This summer, Coach



Alabama's Derrick McKey is a notable exception to the notion that guards rule the Southeastern Conference.

Dale Brown combated boredom by flying halfway around the world to recruit Soviet center Arvidas Sabonis, possibly the best amateur player in the world.

With Sabonis, LSU would be favored to win the league. Without him, the Tigers could finish anywhere from first to fifth. Provided he passes 15 hours, Wilson will become eligible after the first semester. Provided his damaged knee heals, 7-1 Zoran Jovanovich of Yugoslavia will start at center.

Freshman Fess Irvin should slide nicely into the point guard post vacated by Derrick Taylor, who led the league in steals and free-throw percentage. Anthony Wilson, a long-distance gunner, returns at shooting guard. Ricky Blanton, a guard-turned-center and the improbable hero of LSU's Southeast Regional victory, will play somewhere. But the Tigers need someone to provide some of the points Williams did at forward.

Since 1982, when Tennessee tied for the SEC title, the Volunteers have gone 9-9, 9-9, 8-10 and 5-13 in league play. Last year, they positively embarrassed themselves at the end, losing their last seven games.

"Somewhere along the line," Coach Don DeVoe said, "we just forgot how to win."

The Vols lost only center Rob Jones. The silken White, who led SEC scorers with a 22.2 average, returns, and so does Fred Jenkins, the Vols' other gifted guard. Jenkins missed the last 12 games after breaking his ankle, and the team's heart left with him.

Forward Dyron Nix was one of the league's top freshmen a year ago, but center Doug Roth was a rookie disaster, making just 39.2 percent of his field-goal tries. If Roth doesn't come around, the Vols have no size. They're also a man short at guard; top recruit Greg Bell was ruled in-

eligible because of a low SAT score. But White and Jenkins should dazzle the league's lower echelon with footwork.

Georgia won't dazzle anyone. A Final Four participant in '83, the Bulldogs appear headed for their worst year since Hugh Durham came to Athens from Florida State in 1978. Georgia lost its two best players and leading scorers, Donald Hartry and Joe Ward, and brought little in to replace them. Part of the reason was an NCAA sanction barring Georgia from off-campus recruiting.

To bolster that department, Durham hired assistant coach Tevester Anderson away from Auburn. But Anderson's efforts won't be felt until next season. In the interim, Georgia must hope forward Willie Anderson, a flashy sub last season, and swingman Loney Mack, a bundle of promise who played sparingly, score bushels of points.

Mississippi State has a new coach—former assistant Richard Williams, who replaces the retired Bob Boyd—and will have a new center. Raymond Brown, who turned in a rousing performance in the SEC Tournament, decided to leave school. With 6-9 recruit Maurice Ezzard's failure to meet scholastic entrance requirements, 6-8 forward Anthony Blakely is all that's left of what would have been the league's tallest frontcourt.

The Bulldogs' guards aren't bad. Tracy Taylor labors in obscurity but ran Boyd's pattern offense adroitly. He should do as much for Williams. Greg Lockhart made the league's all-freshman team. Mark Peters did nice things in the SEC Tournament. All of which makes you wonder how this team went 8-22 last year.

A year ago, Eric Smith of Mississippi averaged 17.5 points but wasn't one of the SEC's half-dozen best forwards. He'll be in the top three this year.

The Rebels won't. Coach Lee Hunt left during the summer to accept a multiyear contract as coach and athletic director at Missouri-Kansas City, leaving new Coach Ed Murphy little time to prepare.

As is the case at almost every SEC school, there's a quality backcourt. Roderick Barnes and Joe Ayers started together most of last season and didn't disgrace themselves. But the Rebels are small and inexperienced up front.

Poor Vanderbilt. The Commodores keep signing players out of Kentucky, hoping some of the bluegrass magic that kisses the Wildcats is hereditary. It's not. The Commodores list five Kentucky natives on their roster, including Adolph Rupp's grandson Chip. But Coach C.M. Newton needs athletes, not bloodlines. Bad a year ago, the Commodores lost three starters and will be worse, with only freshman shooter Scott Draud (another Kentuckian) offering much hope. ■

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Changing Times?

Western Kentucky, Jacksonville Hope To Unseat UAB

By BILL FAY

For years, the Sun Belt Conference has been begging basketball fans to take it seriously. But for the most part, the extent of the public's knowledge of the SBC was the initials UAB.

Alabama-Birmingham has dominated the Sun Belt virtually since Gene Bartow christened the school's new basketball program in 1978. The Blazers have won 20 or more games in five of the last six seasons and have made six consecutive trips to the NCAA Tournament.

"UAB did a great job in past years of establishing credibility and an identity for the Sun Belt," Jacksonville Coach Bob Wenzel said, "but I don't think we should be considered a one-team league."

The Sun Belt proved that point last year. Four Sun Belt teams were invited to the NCAA Tournament—one to each regional—and only one (Jacksonville) failed to advance to the second round.

"I don't think you'll see any more rebuilding seasons for our conference," South Alabama Coach Mike Hanks said. "I think the teams are established enough now where we're going to qualify three or four or maybe even five teams a year for the NAAs. It's reload, not rebuild."

That was not the case three years ago. In 1983, Jacksonville bottomed out at 0-14 in conference play and 7-22 overall. Western Kentucky, playing its first season in the Sun Belt that year, finished just a notch above the Dolphins with a 4-10 league mark and 12-16 overall record.

Since then, the two teams have made their way nearly hand-in-hand through the ranks. Jacksonville beat UAB in Birmingham to win the league's postseason tournament last year, and Western Kentucky was a runner-up in the regular season as both qualified for the NCAA play-offs. Old Dominion, the regular-season league champion, also represented the Sun Belt in the NCAA's postseason extravaganza.

This year, most people regard Jacksonville and Western Kentucky as the co-favorites for the league title, with South Alabama, Virginia Commonwealth and, of course, UAB also expected to be in the hunt.

"It's an unusual feeling," Wenzel said, "but it's great. I hope those people know what they're talking about."

Ronnie Murphy is one reason Jacksonville has gone from the outhouse to the penthouse. The 6-foot-5 All-Sun Belt swing-



Ronnie Murphy, a talented, do-everything swingman, will key Jacksonville's drive to the Sun Belt Conference championship.

man is a versatile player with shooting, rebounding, passing and defensive skills to match any player in the conference. He could round out his play by taking over the leadership role created by the graduation of all-conference forward Otis Smith.

"I've been around long enough that I feel like I've had something to do with our success," said Murphy, who was recruited after the Dolphins' 0-14 embarrassment. "I know Otis meant a lot to our team the past few years, but I hope I can give us the same leadership so we can have an even better team."

The Dolphins have two other starters, Danny Pearson and Willie McDuffie, back with Murphy. Pearson, a senior who

swings between guard and forward, is a consistent outside shooter and defender, while McDuffie, who sometimes plays center despite being just 6-7, should be stronger under the basket with about 20 extra pounds on his frame.

Helping out in the backcourt will be sophomore Pat Laguerre and senior Cleveland Williams, who should be a big factor with the advent of the three-point shot. Another long-range threat is swingman Chris Slocum, who missed last season because of eye surgery.

Wenzel will be counting on his recruits to make immediate contributions off the

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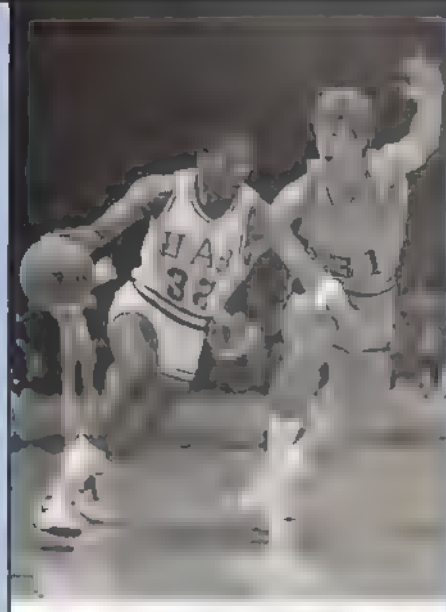
UAB (Blazers)

Coach: Gene Bartow (173-83, 8 years)
Starters Lost (3): Archie Johnson, C (6.5 ppg, 5.3 rpg, 57.4 FG%); Jerome Mincy, F (13.5 ppg, 8.4 rpg); Steve Mitchell, G (18.8 ppg, 3.9 rpg, 5.1 apg).
Others Lost: Anthony Gordon, F (3.9 ppg, 4.5 rpg).
Starters Returning (12): Michael Charles, G-F, 6-4/Jr (6.8 ppg, 4.1 rpg, 3.3 apg, 53.1 FG%); James Ponder, G, 6-1/Sr (10.9 ppg, 2.2 rpg, 76.7 FT%).
Other Returnees: Bruce Baker, F, 6-7/Jr (3.9 ppg, 50.5 FG%); Eddie Collins, F-C, 6-8/Jr (3.3 ppg); Cedric Evans, C, 6-9/Jr; Tracy Foster, G, 6-4/Sr.; Dylan Howard, G-F, 6-6/Soph.; Larry Wilkell, G, 6-0/Jr (RS/thumb).
Newcomers: Barry Bearden, G, 5-11/Fr.; Jason Carson, F, 6-8/Fr.; Derrick Cooley, G-F, 6-5/Fr. (Marshall, RS/grades); Alan Ogg, C, 7-1/Fr.; Larry Rembert, F, 6-8/Fr.; Chris Thomas, G-F, 6-5/Fr. (RS/finger).
1985-86 Record: 25-11 Sun Belt 9-5/3rd
Site: Birmingham, Ala.

1986-87 Schedule

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|----------------------|-----|-----------------------|-----|
| Auburn | N28 | At Va. Commonwealth | J20 |
| Longwood (Va.) | N28 | Temple | J24 |
| Apple Invitational | D5 | At Jacksonville | J26 |
| At Hawaii | D8 | At Old Dominion | J31 |
| UAB Tip off Tour | D12 | At West Virginia | J31 |
| South Carolina State | D20 | Virginia Commonwealth | F5 |
| UAB Classic | D28 | South Alabama | F7 |
| At South Alabama | J3 | South Florida | F8 |
| Old Dominion | J5 | At UNC Charlotte | F12 |
| Jacksonville | J8 | DePaul | F14 |
| At Western Kentucky | J10 | At South Florida | F18 |
| UNC Charlotte | J12 | Western Kentucky | F21 |
| Bradley | J17 | | |

Bold face denotes conference-leading totals.



UAB's James Ponder.

South Florida (Bulls)

Coach: Bobby Paschal (first year at South Florida)
Starters Lost (3): Curtis Kitchen, C (7.1 ppg, 8.8 rpg, 3.2 bpg); Martin Teal, G, 6-5/Sr (8.1 ppg, 2.5 rpg, academically ineligible); Tommy Tonelli, G (10.5 ppg, 2.2 rpg, 4.6 apg, 1.9 spg, 82.7 FT%).
Starters Returning (2): Arthur Caldwell, G, 6-3/Jr (14.2 ppg, 2.8 rpg, 3.6 apg); Doug Wallace, F, 6-8/Sr (11.6 ppg, 6.9 rpg).
Other Returnees: Darrell Coleman, F, 6-7/Jr (3.1 ppg, 2.8 rpg); Greg Hollingsworth, G, 6-2/Sr.; Keith Jordan, F, 6-8/Jr (6.6 ppg, 3.8 rpg); Chuck Mainer, C, 6-11/Jr.; Vince Sanford, G-F, 6-5/Sr (7 ppg, 81.4 FT%).
Newcomers: Kenny Brantley, G-F, 6-6/Jr (JC); Jeff Dowdell, G, 6-4/Jr (JC); Dirk Floyd, G, 6-2/Fr.; Dexter Ray, G, 6-3/Jr (JC); Hakim Shahid, F, 6-6/Fr.
1985-86 Record: 14-14 Sun Belt 5-9/6th
Site: Tampa

1986-87 Schedule

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|-----------------------|-----|-----------------------|-----|
| At Wisconsin | N29 | Western Kentucky | J19 |
| Tampa | D3 | At South Alabama | J22 |
| At Southern Methodist | D6 | Virginia Commonwealth | J24 |
| Florida | D13 | At Western Kentucky | J29 |
| Concordia | D17 | At Va. Commonwealth | J31 |
| At Dayton | D20 | Mercer | F2 |
| Milwaukee Classic | D26 | At Old Dominion | F7 |
| Holy Cross | D30 | At Alabama-Birmingham | F9 |
| Old Dominion | J3 | Florida International | F12 |
| UNC Charlotte | J5 | Jacksonville | F14 |
| At Jacksonville | J11 | At Florida State | F16 |
| At UNC Charlotte | J15 | Aubama-Birmingham | F18 |
| At DePaul | J17 | South Alabama | F21 |

Jacksonville (Dolphins)

Coach: Bob Wenzel (69-75, 5 years)
Starters Lost (2): Rod Kittles, C (5.6 ppg, 4.5 rpg); Ohs Smith, F (15.3 ppg, 8 rpg, 2.3 bpg).
Others Lost: Eric Lewis, C, Tom Terrell, C.
Starters Returning (3): Willie McDuffie, F-C, 6-7/Jr (9.1 ppg, 5.9 rpg, 61.3 FG%); Ronnie Murphy, G-F, 6-5/Sr (15 ppg, 4.3 rpg, 6 apg, 2 spg); Danny Pearson, G-F, 6-8/Sr (10.8 ppg, 4.1 rpg, 81.7 FT%).
Other Returnees: Pat Laguerre, G, 6-1/Soph (3.1 ppg); Ken Nadasky, F-C, 6-7/Sr (2.3 ppg); Keith Showers, G-F, 6-5/Soph.; Cleveland Williams, G, 6-3/Sr (6.8 ppg, 2.1 rpg); John Worsowicz, G, 6-5/Jr.
Newcomers: Tyrone Boykin, G, 5-11/Fr.; Dee Brown, G, 6-1/Fr.; Jonathan Crawford, G-F, 6-5/Jr (JC); Jason Cudd, F-C, 6-11/Fr.; Troy Mundine, G, 6-4/Jr (JC); Chris Siocum, F, 6-7/Fr (RS/eyes); Emmett Smith, C, 6-11/Fr.; Dewayne Vnes, G, 6-6/Jr (JC).
1985-86 Record: 21-10; Sun Belt 9-5/3rd.
Site: Jacksonville, Fla.

1986-87 Schedule

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|-----------------------|-----|-----------------------|-----|
| Hartford Invitational | N28 | Virginia | J19 |
| Carrier Classic | D5 | At UNC Charlotte | J22 |
| Armstrong Ga. State | D8 | Alabama-Birmingham | J26 |
| At North Carolina | D13 | South Alabama | J31 |
| Gator Bowl Classic | D19 | Morgan (Md) State | F3 |
| George Washington | D28 | UNC Charlotte | F5 |
| Florida State | J3 | At Va. Commonwealth | F7 |
| At South Alabama | J8 | Virginia Commonwealth | F11 |
| At Alabama-Birmingham | J8 | At South Florida | F14 |
| South Florida | J11 | At Western Kentucky | F16 |
| Western Kentucky | J14 | Central Connecticut | F18 |
| At Old Dominion | J17 | Old Dominion | F21 |

Old Dominion (Monarchs)

Coach: Tom Young (23-8, 1 year)
Starters Lost (3): Kenny Gattison, F (17.4 ppg, 7.8 rpg, 63.7 FG%); Clarence Hankey, C (6.8 ppg, 3.9 rpg); Keith Thomas, G (14.1 ppg, 81.3 FT%).
Others Lost: Sylvester Charles, F (3.7 ppg); Darryl Tolson, G; Ronnie Wade, F (7.7 ppg, 4.8 rpg).
Starters Returning (2): Garrick Davis, F, 6-8/Soph (4.9 ppg, 2.9 rpg); Frank Smith, G, 5-11/Jr (8.5 ppg, 2.1 rpg, 8.2 apg, 2.6 spg, 78.7 FT%).
Other Returnees: David Caryle, F, 6-7/Soph.; Kenneth Jones, G, 6-3/Soph.; Bernard Royaster, F, 6-5/Soph (12.9 ppg, 2.1 rpg); Steve Trax, G-F, 6-6/Jr.
Newcomers: Anthony Carver, F, 6-7/Fr.; Kirk Eady, G, 6-4/Fr.; David Gissom, F, 6-8/Jr (JC); Gerald Lofton, F, 6-8/Jr (Slippery Rock, JC); Howard Morgan, C, 6-9/Fr.; Dee Pritchett, G, 6-2/Fr (RS/knee); Mark Siciliano, G, 6-3/Fr (JC/RS).
1985-86 Record: 23-8; Sun Belt 11-3/1st
Site: Norfolk, Va.

1986-87 Schedule

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|-----------------------|-----|---------------------|-----|
| Virginia Tech | N28 | Jacksonville | J17 |
| William & Mary | D8 | South Alabama | J19 |
| At James Madison | D14 | Maryland | J24 |
| Long Island | D17 | At William & Mary | J28 |
| At DePaul | D20 | Aubama-Birmingham | J31 |
| Richmond | D22 | At Western Kentucky | F3 |
| Bud Light Holiday Cl. | D27 | South Florida | F7 |
| At South Florida | J3 | At South Alabama | F9 |
| At Alabama-Birmingham | J5 | Western Kentucky | F12 |
| Virginia Commonwealth | J8 | At Va. Commonwealth | F14 |
| At UNC Charlotte | J10 | UNC Charlotte | F16 |
| George Tech | J12 | At Jacksonville | F21 |
| At Missouri | J14 | | |

Va. Commonwealth (Rams)

Coach: Mike Pollio (12-18, 1 year)
Starters Lost (2): Michael Brown, F (12.8 ppg, 5 rpg); Nicky Jones, G (15.2 ppg, 5.1 rpg, 4.3 apg, 2.5 spg, 81.7 FT%).
Others Lost: Willie Jennings, F, 6-9/Sr (left team).
Starters Returning (3): Bruce Allen, G, 6-0/Sr (8.9 ppg, 3.6 apg); Alvin Robinson, C, 6-9/Jr (5.1 ppg, 4.9 rpg); Phil Stinnie, F, 6-8/Jr (12.5 ppg, 7.1 rpg).
Other Returnees: Brian Bender, G, 6-3/Soph.; Andy Back, G, 6-4/Sr.; William Feazell, F, 6-7/Sr.; Don Franco, G, 6-5/Sr (2.2 ppg); Bruce Pettway, F, 6-6/Jr (3.2 ppg, 2 rpg); Darrell Reid, F, 6-6/Jr.
Newcomers: Lionel Bacon, G, 6-0/Fr.; Martin Henlan, C, 6-10/Fr (from England, RS); Alvin Hicks, G, 6-3/Jr (JC); John Thompson, F, 6-7/Jr (transfer/North Carolina State).
1985-86 Record: 12-16; Sun Belt 6-8/5th
Site: Richmond, Va.

1986-87 Schedule

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| Hawarian Airlines Invit. | N28 | At Richmond | J22 |
| At William & Mary | D4 | At South Florida | J24 |
| Dayton | D6 | At Virginia Tech | J26 |
| Morgan State | D8 | East Carolina | J28 |
| George Mason | D13 | South Carolina | J31 |
| Cleveland State | D20 | South Alabama | F2 |
| Times-Dispatch Tour | D29 | At Alabama-Birmingham | F5 |
| UNC Charlotte | J3 | Jacksonville | F7 |
| At Old Dominion | J8 | Rutgers | F8 |
| At Marquette | J10 | At Jacksonville | F11 |
| Western Kentucky | J12 | Old Dominion | F14 |
| At South Alabama | J14 | James Madison | F18 |
| At Western Kentucky | J17 | At UNC Charlotte | F21 |
| Alabama-Birmingham | J20 | | |

UNC Charlotte (49ers)

Coach: Jeff Mullins (8-20, 1 year)
Starters Lost (1): Rodney Abrams, F (7.4 ppg).
Others Lost: Michael Boukuz, G, 6-3/Jr (transfer/Fairleigh Dickinson).
Starters Returning (4): Reggie Barnes, G, 6-5/Soph (14.7 ppg); Ray Gromilowicz, C, 6-11/Sr (7.8 ppg, 6.1 rpg, 2.6 bpg); Michael Milling, F, 6-7/Sr (19.6 ppg, 7.7 rpg); Keith Williams, G, 5-11/Sr (13.6 ppg, 2.3 rpg, 4.4 apg, 1.9 spg, 52.7 FG%).
Other Returnees: Byron Dinkins, G, 6-1/Soph (5.6 ppg); Slim Duncan, C, 6-8/Soph (2.7 ppg); Scott Fitzgibbons, F, 6-5/Jr (3.5 ppg); Rusty Hargraves, F, 6-8/Sr (3.9 ppg); Mike Washington, F, 6-7/Soph; Jeff West, G, 6-3/Soph (17.6 ppg, 7.7 FT%).
Newcomers: Ronnie Beamy, F, 6-7/Jr (UNC Wilmington, JC); Den Plondke, F, 6-8/Jr (JC); Mike Pulley, G, 6-1/Jr (JC).
1985-86 Record: 8-20; Sun Belt 1-13/8th
Site: Charlotte, N.C.

1986-87 Schedule

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|--------------------------|-----|-----------------------|-----|
| Hawarian Airlines Invit. | N28 | South Florida | J16 |
| At Hawaii Hilo | D2 | At South Alabama | J17 |
| At California | D4 | Coastal Carolina | J21 |
| Francis Marion (S.C.) | D8 | Jacksonville | J22 |
| Western Carolina | D10 | Wofford (S.C.) | J24 |
| Davidson | D13 | At South Alabama | J28 |
| Volunteer Classic | D19 | At Western Kentucky | J31 |
| Fiesta Bowl Classic | D27 | At Jacksonville | F5 |
| At Va. Commonwealth | J3 | Western Kentucky | F8 |
| At South Florida | J5 | Alabama-Birmingham | F12 |
| Longwood (Va.) | J8 | At Wake Forest | F14 |
| Old Dominion | J10 | At Old Dominion | F16 |
| At Alabama-Birmingham | J12 | Virginia Commonwealth | F21 |

South Alabama (Jaguars)

Coach: Mike Hanks (31-29, 2 years)
Starters Lost (1): Ricky Brown, F (10.7 ppg, 6.4 rpg, 60.0 FT%).
Others Lost: Bobby Joe Jackson, F, 6-5/Soph (transfer/Montevideo); Dale Osbourne, F; Kirk Stanley, G, 6-4/Soph (transfer/Cleveland State); Jose Warrman, F-C (8.3 ppg, 5.1 rpg, 57.2 FG%).
Starters Returning (4): Rodney Butts, F, 6-8, 235/Sr (10.8 ppg, 5.1 rpg); Darrell Faulkner, G, 6-1/Soph (7.8 ppg, 3.1 rpg, 80 FT%); Jeff Hodge, G, 6-3/Soph (12.2 ppg, 3.3 apg); Alan Koriokrax, C, 6-10, 250/Sr (10.1 ppg, 5.8 rpg).
Other Returnees: Sherard Lloyd, F, 6-7/Soph.
Newcomers: Terrence Ingram, F, 6-7/Jr (JC); John Jamerson, G, 6-5/Soph (transfer/Marquette); June Lewis, G, 6-2/Soph (transfer/Pitt); Paul Riley, F, 6-7/Jr (JC); Lawson Smith, F, 6-8/Sr (UC-Santa Barbara, JC); Jonathan Watts, F, 6-5/Soph (JC).
1985-86 Record: 16-16; Sun Belt 5-9/6th.
Site: Mobile, Ala.

1986-87 Schedule

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|--------------------------|-----|--------------------------|-----|
| Comenary | N28 | Virginia Commonwealth | J14 |
| The Citadel | N28 | At UNC Charlotte | J17 |
| Stephen F. Austin (Tex.) | D1 | At Old Dominion | J19 |
| Armstrong (Ga.) State | D4 | South Florida | J22 |
| At New Mexico State | D8 | Central Florida | J24 |
| At Southern Mississippi | D11 | Western Kentucky | J26 |
| At Louisiana Tech | D13 | UNC Charlotte | J28 |
| Youngstown State | D15 | At Jacksonville | J31 |
| Texas Longhorn Invit. | D19 | At Virginia Commonwealth | F2 |
| Florida International | D30 | At Alabama-Birmingham | F7 |
| Alabama-Birmingham | J3 | Old Dominion | F9 |
| Jacksonville | J8 | At Western Kentucky | F14 |
| Evansville | J8 | At South Florida | F21 |

Western Ky. (Hilltoppers)

Coach: Murray Arnold (first year at Western Ky.)
Starters Lost (1): Billy Gordon, G (14.1 ppg).
Others Lost: Claudio Taylor, G (left team).
Starters Returning (4): Tellis Frank, G-F, 6-10/Sr (10.2 ppg, 5.2 rpg, 79.3 FT%); Kennard Johnson, F, 6-9/Sr (12.2 ppg, 5.6 rpg); Clarence Martin, C, 6-8/Sr (8.9 ppg, 6.7 rpg, 63.1 FG%); James McNary, G, 6-0/Jr (7.4 ppg, 2.6 rpg, 6.2 apg, 81.8 FT%).
Other Returnees: Bryan Asberry, F-C, 6-6, 240/Sr (3.1 ppg, 2.4 rpg); Kirk Lee, G, 6-1/Soph (2 ppg); Keith Luckitor, G, 6-1/Soph (2.2 ppg); Brett McNeal, G, 6-2/Soph (3.4 ppg); Steve Miller, F, 6-7/Jr (3.9 ppg, 2.5 rpg); Ray Swogger, G-F, 6-3/Sr (5.9 ppg, 3.3 rpg); Fred Tisdale, F, 6-6/Jr (14.4 ppg).
Newcomers: Roland Shelton, G, 6-4/Fr (transfer/Clemson RS/grades).
1985-86 Record: 23-8 Sun Belt 10-4/2nd.
Site: Bowling Green, Ky.

1986-87 Schedule

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|-----------------------|-----|-----------------------|-----|
| At Notre Dame | N21 | Virginia Commonwealth | J17 |
| Kentucky State | D2 | At South Florida | J19 |
| Wendy's Classic | D5 | At Louisiana State | J24 |
| Central Michigan | D8 | At South Alabama | J26 |
| Louisville | D10 | South Florida | J28 |
| At Samford | D13 | UNC Charlotte | J31 |
| Armstrong State (Ga.) | D19 | Old Dominion | F2 |
| Chaminade Classic | D25 | At UNC Charlotte | F8 |
| Tennessee Tech | D30 | At Southern Illinois | F10 |
| At Butler | J3 | At Old Dominion | F12 |
| At Eastern Kentucky | J7 | South Alabama | F14 |
| Alabama-Birmingham | J10 | Jacksonville | F16 |
| At Va. Commonwealth | J12 | At Alabama-Birmingham | F21 |
| At Jacksonville | J14 | At Dayton | F23 |

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bench. Dewayne Vines, a junior who served in the Army and was recruited from a junior college, provides depth at forward. The Dolphins also have a pair of 6-11 freshmen in Jason Cudd and Emmett Smith, one of whom must come on quickly for the Dolphins to make noise at the national level.

Western Kentucky has more veteran talent than Jacksonville, but the Hilltoppers must deal with a coaching change. Clem Haskins, the man who assembled the cast, left for Minnesota.

Replacing him is Murray Arnold, who spent last year as an assistant with the Chicago Bulls after a highly successful term as Tennessee-Chattanooga's coach. It didn't take Arnold long to realize that a great deal will be expected of his team this winter.

"Everybody will be looking up to Western Kentucky, and that's a new situation for us in the Sun Belt," he said. "We do have a lot of people returning from a successful season, so hopefully they feel good about themselves and intend to work hard again."

Arnold has a bundle of talent from which to choose his first starting five, though he said only forward Kannard Johnson had a job virtually locked up. Johnson averaged 12.2 points and 5.5 rebounds per game last year in what was a mediocre season for him.

Point guard James McNary would seem likely to retain his spot, as would center Clarence Martin. Swingmen Tellis Frank and Ray Swogger, forwards Fred Tisdale and Steve Miller and guard Kurk Lee all have starting experience and should form a strong nucleus.

A newcomer to keep an eye on is guard Roland Shelton, a freshman who transferred from Clemson and reportedly is the outside shooter the Hilltoppers need.

After playing in the NCAA Tournament five of the previous six years, Virginia Commonwealth was the tough-luck team of 1985-86. The Rams, who had won or shared three consecutive league titles, lost nine of their first 11 games—four in overtime and another by two points—en route to a 12-16 record, their first losing campaign ever.

Coach Mike Pollio said that experience may have been a blessing in disguise.

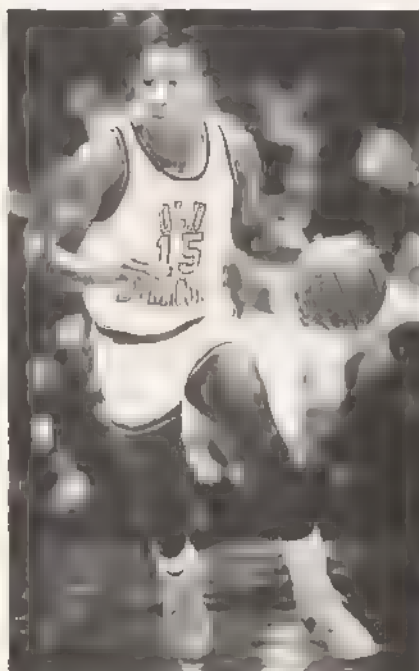
"It was a crazy time, but the kids held together through it and feel a lot better about themselves," he said.

John Thompson, a bruising forward who transferred from North Carolina State, should add the muscle the Rams lacked inside. He'll combine with Sun Belt Sophomore of the Year Phil Stinnie and Alvin Robinson to give the Rams a competitive front line.

The backcourt could be a problem unless either returnee Bruce Allen or junior college transfer Alvin Hicks takes command at the point. Either Andy Black or



Western Kentucky's Kannard Johnson (above) and Old Dominion point guard Frank Smith are two of the reigning stars of the Sun Belt Conference.



Brian Bender must establish himself at shooting guard.

South Alabama is in exactly the reverse situation of last season, when the Jaguars were basically starting from scratch. Hanks has four starters back, plus what he considered a good recruiting crop.

"We feel we've gone from five good players to nine deep right away," Hanks said.

The three-point shot will be prominent in the Jaguar offense, despite Hanks' general opposition to the rule. "We won't be afraid to shoot it," he said.

That's because the departure of UAB's Steve Mitchell leaves sophomore Jeff

Hodge as the best outside shooter in the league. Hodge, the Sun Belt Freshman of the Year, hit 49.3 percent of his field-goal attempts last season while seldom venturing inside 15 feet for a shot.

The Jaguars will have to handle the ball better to contend for the championship. Transfers Junie Lewis (Pitt) and John Jimmerson (Marquette) are expected to supplant or at least aid sophomore Darrell Faulkner as the floor leader. Center Alan Kortokrax and forward Rodney Butts round out the returning starting lineup, while the last spot will be filled by one of several junior college recruits.

With the loss of Mitchell and Jerome Mincy, a pair of All-Sun Belt performers, plus starter Archie Johnson, UAB is in the unusual role of underdog this season.

"But it's not like the cupboard is bare," said Bartow, normally one of the world's more pessimistic observers. "We've got kids who have played and some new kids who will be good players."

James Ponder returns as an erratic shooting guard, while swingman Michael Charles is quick and smart. Forward-center Eddie Collins did show some improvement near the end of last season, and forward Bruce Baker is a threat from three-point range.

But it will take quick development from freshmen Larry Rembert, Alabama's Mr. Basketball last year, and 7-1 Alan Ogg for UAB to keep its string of NCAA Tournament appearances intact.

Old Dominion is another team in danger of seeing its string of postseason appearances broken. The Monarchs have been to either the NCAA Tournament or the National Invitation Tournament in nine of the 10 years they've competed in Division I.

With three starters gone from last year's team, including Sun Belt Player of the Year Kenny Gattison, it could be 9-for-11 after this season.

Point guard Frank Smith, who led the league in assists last year, is back, as is forward Garrick Davis, a part-time starter. The rest of Coach Tom Young's team will come from reserves and newcomers, with 6-9 freshman Howard Morgan a key since he'll have to play the pivot.

UNC Charlotte improved a little bit in Coach Jeff Mullins' first year, and with experienced players back at all positions, the 49ers may take another step forward. Mullins' top player is all-conference forward Michael Milling, who led the league in scoring with a 19.6 average.

South Florida, which went 14-14 a year ago, could be in for a rough season. The Bulls lost Coach Lee Rose in an acrimonious split over the summer. New Coach Bobby Paschal was not appointed until mid-August, giving him little time to work with little returning talent. ■

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Navy Is on Course, but Climate Is Right for UNC Wilmington

By MIKE HARRIS

News that someone wants to flee Texas because of the climate is hardly startling. Some think heat and humidity were invented there.

Robert McPherson, a native Texan, is one who recently fled his home state because of the climate. But it was not the weather-related climate that drove McPherson east.

It was the sports climate. McPherson is a basketball coach; Texas is a football state.

"I do like the weather better here," McPherson said from his new home, Wilmington, N.C., where he took over for 14-year veteran Mel Gibson as coach at UNC Wilmington. "It's not near as humid

"And there's definitely a big difference in the basketball climate between here and Texas. There's some very good basketball in Texas. Yet, as a rule, basketball is still second to football.

"I wanted to get somewhere where we could build a good basketball program. This is a very good basketball area."

It is indeed. While basketball is something to do between football season and spring practice in Texas, football is something to do until tipoff time in North Carolina.

McPherson will find that scene to his liking, but he'll also find a bunch of competition for the good players as he attempts to take the Seahawks from a recent history of mediocrity (76-89 over the last six years) to a contending status in the Colonial Athletic Association.

North Carolina is home to four Atlantic Coast Conference and many other Division I schools. The Seahawks have traditionally been far down in the pecking order for area talent.

McPherson, who spent the last five years compiling a 102-47 record at Sam Houston State, knows how that goes.

"We were in the same situation in Texas competing against the Southwest Conference," McPherson said. "It is a challenge. We'll just have to do a good job selling ourselves and our program to the kids."

UNC Wilmington has been mentioned as a possible title contender this year, although a top three slot is a more realistic goal. The Seahawks return four starters from a team that went 16-13 last year.

McPherson quickly discovered that not much else remained besides those four regulars. The bulk of the Seahawks' playing time went to the top five players, with the most-often used reserve, guard Mark Gary, averaging only 15.4 minutes per game.

The one departee is guard Bobby Jo Springer, the team's No. 2 scorer last year. But returning is all-conference center Brian Rowsom, who averaged 20.3 points and 9.5 rebounds a year ago.



Kenny Sanders returns as George Mason's top offensive threat after a Rookie of the Year 1985-86 season.

Forward Charles Cherry and guard Sandy Anderson are experienced starters, and swingman Greg Bender enjoyed an impressive freshman campaign.

McPherson sought to improve the team's depth by signing five junior college transfers. Three of them—forwards Jeff Brannen and Roy Walker and guard Adam Porter—should contribute right away. Porter probably will take Springer's spot in the backcourt.

"I felt we needed some help on the front line to go with the kids coming back," McPherson said. "But my main objective was to get some depth. I looked at all the close games, the games they lost, and it appeared they needed more players."

Navy, of course, was fortunate to have All-America David Robinson last year. The Midshipmen have him again this season, so Navy is expected to repeat as CAA champion.

Robinson, a 6-11 senior center, used Navy's trip to the final eight of the NCAA Tournament as his stage last year, convincing much of the nation that he belonged among the elite. He averaged 22.7 points, 13 rebounds and 5.9 blocks while hitting 60.7 percent of his shots from the floor. (See related story, page 128.)

But Robinson had two big helpers he'll have to do without this year—Vernon But-

ler and Kylor Whitaker, both of whom were double-digit scorers.

Candidates to step into those roles and take some pressure off Robinson are guard Cliff Rees and forward Derric Turner. Point guard Doug Wojcik, who led the league in assists (7.2 average) last winter, returns for first-year Coach Pete Herrmann, an assistant who was promoted after Paul Evans went to Pittsburgh.

Carl Liebert, who started the last 16 games at forward a year ago, will be pushed for playing time by sophomore Nate Bailey.

George Mason, which last year made its first-ever postseason appearance (National Invitation Tournament), should be a contender despite the loss of All-CAA forward Rob Rose and guard Ricky Wilson.

Forward Kenny Sanders, the league's Rookie of the Year, averaged seven rebounds and 17.9 points as a freshman, making him the nation's No. 3 freshman scorer. Coach Joe Harrington will count on support from Tracy Battle and Mike Dufrene up front and Earl Moore at guard.

Richmond Coach Dick Tarrant must make do without his talented trio of John Newman, Greg Beckwith and John Davis. Newman left Richmond as the Spiders' career scoring leader, Beckwith as the career assists and steals leader.

Guard Rodney Rice and forward Peter Woolfolk will have to assume much of Newman's scoring burden. But Tarrant's biggest problem could be replacing the crafty Beckwith at the point. Center Steve Kratzer must improve his rebounding.

So must East Carolina's Leon Bass, one of the league's few true centers. The Pirates' 6-10 senior averaged just 3.9 rebounds. Coach Charlie Harrison will look to forwards Marchell Henry and Manuel Jones for front-line support.

James Madison suffered through a dismal 5-23 season, but Coach John Thurston's second team will be better with all but four players back, plus the return of two redshirts, swingman George Kingland and forward Kennard Winchester. Three recruits will be expected to help the Dukes, who are led by guard Eric Brent.

American Coach Ed Tapscott has two nice guards in All-CAA Frank Ross (23-point average) and Mike Sampson (Ralph's cousin), but the Eagles are in severe need of inside help. They were out-rebounded by 3.9 per game last year and got precious little scoring inside.

William & Mary also needed help inside last year, but Coach Barry Parkhill got mostly guards in his recruiting efforts. One signee, Curtis Pride, played baseball in the New York Mets' organization last summer. ■

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American (Eagles)

Coach: Ed Tapscott (45-89 4 years)

Starters Lost: None

Others Lost: Terry Brent, F (5.1 ppg, 3.1 rpg, left school); Pat Morrissey, F.

Starters Returning (5): Henry Hopkins, C, 6-8/Sr. (4.2 ppg, 4.6 rpg); Frank Ross, G, 6-2/Sr. (23 ppg, 3.7 rpg, 2.3 spg, 61.4 FG%, 82.6 FT%); Mike Sampson, G, 6-11/Jr. (7.4 ppg, 2.8 rpg, 4.6 apg); Chuck West, G-F, 6-3/Jr. (12.3 ppg, 3.8 rpg, 51.3 FG%); Eric White, F, 6-6/Jr. (8.8 ppg, 6.5 rpg).

Other Returnees: Rod Brown, F, 6-7/Sr.; Longmire Harrison, F, 6-6/Jr. (3.8 ppg); Manuel Nadal, G, 6-4/Jr. (RS); Tom Scherer, C, 6-9/Jr.; Billy Stone, G, 6-0/Sr.; Pat Witting, G, 6-4/Sr. (6.8 ppg).

Newcomers: Andy Bonsalle, F, 6-7/Jr. (JC); Marc Lavy, C, 6-8/Fr.; Mike Sumner, G, 6-5/Fr.

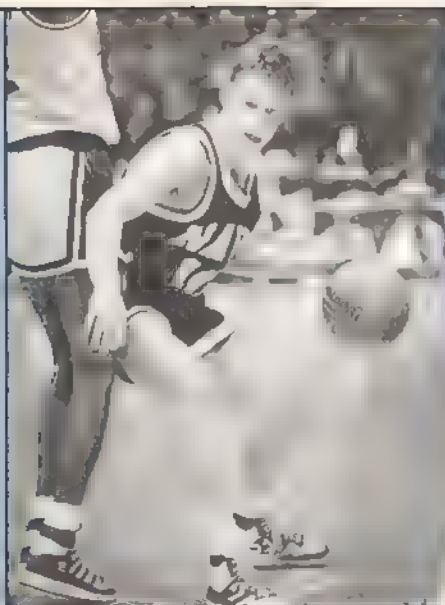
1985-86 Record: 10-18; Colonial: 3-11/T6th

Site: Washington D.C.

1986-87 Schedule

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|--------------------------|-----|--------------------------|-----|
| Providence Fleet Classic | N26 | Richmond | J24 |
| At Brown Univ. | D1 | William & Mary | J26 |
| St. Mary's (Md.) | D3 | At Dartmouth | J28 |
| At Gettysburg (Pa.) | D11 | At East Carolina | J31 |
| At George Washington | D13 | At UNC Wilmington | F2 |
| At Georgetown | D17 | At Florida International | F4 |
| East Carolina | J3 | George Mason | F7 |
| UNC Wilmington* | J5 | James Madison | F9 |
| At George Mason | J10 | Navy | F14 |
| At James Madison | J12 | At Delaware | F16 |
| At Navy | J17 | At Richmond | F21 |
| At Catholic ID C. | J21 | At William & Mary | F23 |
| *Fairfax Va. | | Md. Baltimore County | F25 |

Bold face denotes conference-leading totals.



Navy's Doug Wojcik.

UNC Wilmington (Seahawks)

Coach: Robert McPherson (first year at UNCW)

Starters Lost (1): Bobby Jo Springer, G (14.2 ppg, 2.9 rpg, 3.6 apg, 1.6 spg, 85.3 FT%).

Others Lost: Don Cary, F, 6-8/Soph. (transfer/JC).

Starters Returning (4): Sandy Anderson, G, 6-2/Sr. (19.3 ppg, 2.4 rpg); Greg Bender, G-F, 6-6/Soph. (8 ppg, 4.4 rpg); Charles Cherry, F, 6-5/Sr. (7.2 ppg, 5.9 rpg); Brian Rowsom, C, 6-9/Sr. (20.3 ppg, 8.5 rpg, 53.6 FG%, 78.5 FT%).

Other Returnees: Mark Gary, G, 6-2/Jr. (4.6 ppg); Kevan Miles, F, 6-7/Sr. (4.2 ppg, 2.1 rpg); Ben Pittman, F, 6-7/Sr.; Rob Wagner, G, 6-0/Sr.

Newcomers: Odis Behinger, F, 6-5/Soph. (JC); Jeff Brannen, F, 6-8/Jr. (JC); Ricky Griffin, G, 6-3/Soph. (JC); Adam Porter, G, 6-1/Soph. (JC); Troy Walker, F, 6-6/Jr. (JC).

1985-86 Record: 16-13; Colonial: 5-7/4th

Site: Wilmington N.C.

1986-87 Schedule

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|----------------------------|-----|-------------------------|-----|
| Army | N29 | Car. pull N.C. | J21 |
| At DePaul | D2 | At Jax., Marion | J24 |
| Augusta Ga. | D6 | At George Mason | J26 |
| Indiana Classic | D12 | Navy | J31 |
| At Wake Forest | D20 | American | F2 |
| Nagard | D27 | At Richmond | F7 |
| Atlantic Christian (N.C.) | D30 | At William & Mary | F9 |
| At Navy | J3 | Coastal Carolina (N.C.) | F11 |
| American* | J5 | East Carolina | F14 |
| William & Mary | J10 | At Bna. Col. College | F16 |
| Richmond | J12 | At Campbell (N.C.) | F18 |
| At Coastal Carolina (N.C.) | J14 | James Madison | F21 |
| At East Carolina | J17 | George Mason | F23 |
| *Fairfax Va. | | | |

East Carolina (Pirates)

Coach: Charlie Harrison (39-74, 4 years)

Starters Lost (2): Scott Hardy, G (4.8 ppg, 4 apg); Curt Vanderhorst, F (12.4 ppg, 5.1 rpg, 1.7 spg).

Others Lost: Al Clark, F (dismissed from team); Herb Dixon, G, 6-3/Jr. (transfer/JC); Jack Turnbull, F, 6-9/Sr. (2.8 ppg, quit team).

Starters Returning (3): Leon Bass, C, 6-10/Sr. (8 ppg, 3.9 rpg); Marshall Henry, F, 6-5/Sr. (15.6 ppg, 5.5 rpg, 80.6 FT%); Keith Sledge, G, 6-3/Sr. (6.2 ppg, 3.2 rpg).

Other Returnees: William Grady, G-F, 6-2/Sr. (4.3 ppg); Manuel Jones, F, 6-5/Soph. (4.6 ppg); Jeff Kelly, G, 5-9/Soph.; John Williams, G, 6-3/Soph.

Newcomers: Howard Brown, G, 6-4/Soph. (JC); Theodore Edwards, F, 6-4/Jr. (JC); Gus Hill, F, 6-3/Fr. (will RS/knee); Tracey King, F, 6-6/Fr. (Read Loss, G, 5-3/Fr).

1985-86 Record: 12-16; Colonial: 8-8/T4th

Site: Greenville, N.C.

1986-87 Schedule

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|--------------------|-----|------------------------|-----|
| Edinboro (Pa.) | N29 | UNC Wilmington | F17 |
| At South Carolina | D1 | At Central Connecticut | J20 |
| At Duke | D3 | At George Mason | J24 |
| Campbell (N.C.) | D6 | At James Madison | J26 |
| Northeastern | D8 | At Va. Commonwealth | J28 |
| Indiana Classic | D12 | American | J31 |
| At Campbell (N.C.) | D17 | Navy | F2 |
| Penn State | D30 | At William & Mary | F7 |
| At American | J3 | At Richmond | F9 |
| At Navy | J5 | At UNC Wilmington | F14 |
| Longwood (Va.) | J7 | At Winthrop (S.C.) | F16 |
| Richmond | J10 | George Mason | F21 |
| William & Mary | J12 | James Madison | F23 |

James Madison (Dukes)

Coach: John Thurston (5-23, 1 year)

Starters Lost (1): Todd Banks, F-C (10.2 ppg, 4.1 rpg, 81.3 FG%).

Others Lost: Eric Esch, C (2.1 ppg); Chad Keller, C, 6-8/Soph. (transfer); Ramsey Yeatts, F, 6-7/Jr. (5.9 ppg, transfer/Bridgewater).

Starters Returning (4): Eric Brent, G, 6-3/Sr. (14.3 ppg, 4.8 rpg, 50.9 FG%); Robert Griffin, G, 6-2/Jr. (8.1 ppg, 3.5 rpg, 3.8 apg); David Monroe, F, 6-6/Sr. (9.6 ppg, 3.1 rpg, 51.1 FG%, 83.7 FT%); John Newman, F, 6-5/Sr. (11.8 ppg, 6.1 rpg).

Other Returnees: Thom Brand, C, 6-11/Soph.; George Kingland, G-F, 6-6/Jr. (RS/knee); Ken Schwartz, F, 6-6/Sr. (3.3 ppg); Kennard Winchester, F, 6-5/Soph. (RS/grades).

Newcomers: Claude Ferdinand, F, 6-5/Fr.; Ralph Glenn, F, 6-5/Jr. (JC); Benny Gordon, G, 5-11/Jr. (JC).

1985-86 Record: 5-23; Colonial: 3-11/T6th

Site: Harrisonburg, Va.

1986-87 Schedule

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|-----------------------------|-----|---------------------|-----|
| St. Paul's (Va.) | N28 | At William & Mary | J17 |
| Virginia Military Institute | D1 | At Richmond | J19 |
| At West Virginia | D3 | UNC Wilmington | J24 |
| At Virginia Tech | D6 | East Carolina | J28 |
| Old Dominion | D14 | Maryland | J28 |
| JNC Asheville | D20 | George Mason | J31 |
| At Radford | D22 | At Navy | F5 |
| Times-Dispatch Inv. | D29 | At American | F9 |
| At George Mason | J3 | William & Mary | F14 |
| Coastal Carolina (N.C.) | J7 | Richmond | F16 |
| Navy | J10 | At Va. Commonwealth | F18 |
| American | J12 | At UNC Wilmington | F21 |
| Central Connecticut | J15 | At East Carolina | F23 |

Richmond (Spiders)

Coach: Dick Tarrant (36-55, 5 years)

Starters Lost (3): Greg Beckwith, G (4.7 ppg, 2 rpg, 6.9 apg, 2.7 spg); John Davis, F (17 ppg, 5.7 rpg, 56.3 FG%); John Newman, F (21.9 ppg, 7.4 rpg, 61.7 FG%, 89.5 FT%).

Starters Returning (2): Steve Kratzer, C, 6-8/Jr. (8.2 ppg, 4.4 rpg, 56.3 FG%); Rodney Rice, G, 6-3/Jr. (11.5 ppg, 2.1 rpg, 56.5 FG%).

Other Returnees: Eric English, G, 6-2/Soph.; Joe Runk, G, 6-2/Sr. (2.4 ppg, 52.8 FG%); Mike Winick, F, 6-8/Soph. (2.1 ppg); Peter Woolfolk, F, 6-5/Jr. (10 ppg, 4.6 rpg).

Newcomers: Ken Atkinson, G, 6-0/Fr.; Darren Brown, F, 6-7/Fr.; Jimmy Glover, F, 6-6/Fr.; William Massenbun, G, 6-1/Fr.; Scott Stapleton, G-F, 6-4/Fr.

1985-86 Record: 23-7; Colonial: 12-2/2nd

Site: Richmond, Va.

1986-87 Schedule

| | | | |
|-------------------------|-----|-----------------------|-----|
| Central Florida Classic | N28 | George Mason | J17 |
| Southern California | D2 | James Madison | J19 |
| At Va. Tech | D6 | Virginia Commonwealth | J22 |
| At Radford Va. | D8 | At American | J24 |
| At Old Dominion | D22 | At Wake Forest | J28 |
| Times Dispatch Inv. | D29 | William & Mary | J31 |
| At William & Mary | J3 | At Louisville Md. | F7 |
| Fairfax | J6 | UNC Wilmington | F2 |
| At Navy | J8 | East Carolina | F9 |
| At East Carolina | J10 | At George Mason | F14 |
| At UNC Wilmington | J12 | At James Madison | F16 |
| Virginia Tech | J14 | American | F21 |
| *Meadowlands | | Navy | F24 |

George Mason (Patriots)

Coach: Joe Harrington (97-72, 6 years)

Starters Lost (2): Rob Ross, F (15.9 ppg, 8.1 rpg, 58.9 FG%, 83.4 FT%); Ricky Wilson, G (15.1 ppg, 3.1 rpg, 3.8 apg).

Others Lost: Warren Green, F (2.5 ppg); Vince McQueen, C (2.4 ppg).

Starters Returning (3): Mike Dufrene, C, 6-8/Sr. (3 ppg, 3.1 rpg, 53.1 FG%, 80 FT%); Earl Moore, G, 6-0/Soph. (5.6 ppg); Kenny Sanders, F, 6-6/Soph. (17.9 ppg, 7 rpg, 52.2 FG%).

Other Returnees: Tracy Battle, F-C, 6-7/Sr. (5.9 ppg, 4.8 rpg, 51.4 FG%); Brian Miller, G-F, 6-4/Jr. (5.6 ppg); Darrin Mosley, F, 6-6/Sr. (4.7 ppg).

Newcomers: Henri Abrams, C, 6-10/Fr.; Brent Carter, G, 6-2/Fr.; Kevin McNamara, F, 6-7/Fr.; Steve Smith, G-F, 6-4/Fr.

1985-86 Record: 20-12; Colonial: 10-4/3rd

Site: Fairfax Va.

1986-87 Schedule

| | | | |
|----------------------|-----|-------------------|-----|
| At West Virginia | N29 | At Richmond | J17 |
| Villanova | D3 | At William & Mary | J19 |
| Investors Classic | D6 | East Carolina | J24 |
| At Towson Md. State | D10 | UNC Wilmington | J28 |
| At Va. Commonwealth | D13 | At James Madison | J31 |
| Radford Va. | D20 | William & Mary | F2 |
| Bucknell | D22 | At American | F7 |
| Rochester Classic | D29 | At Navy | F9 |
| James Madison | J3 | Richmond | F14 |
| San Francisco State | J5 | Liberty Va. | F17 |
| Md. Baltimore County | J7 | At East Carolina | F21 |
| American | J10 | At UNC Wilmington | F23 |
| Navy | J12 | | |

Navy (Midshipmen)

Coach: Pete Herrmann (first year at Navy)

Starters Lost (2): Vernon Butler, F (16.7 ppg, 7.5 rpg, 57.6 FG%); Kaylor Whitaker, G (12.8 ppg, 4.3 rpg, 54.6 FG%, 78.2 FT%).

Starters Returning (3): Carl Liebert, F, 6-6/Sr. (5.1 ppg, 3.8 rpg); David Robinson, C, 6-11/Sr. (22.7 ppg, 13 rpg, 5.9 ppg, 1.7 spg, 60.7 FG%); Doug Wojcik, G, 6-1/Sr. (5.5 ppg, 2.2 rpg, 7.2 apg).

Other Returnees: Nate Bailey, F, 6-6/Soph. (4.5 ppg, 3.1 rpg); Nea Fenton, G, 6-0/Soph.; Bobby Jones, G, 6-2/Soph.; Carey Manhart, F, 6-7/Sr.; Cliff Rees, G, 6-4/Jr. (5.2 ppg, 86.9 FT%); Deric Turner, F, 6-6/Soph. (2.6 ppg, 2.9 rpg).

Newcomers: Steve Carroll, G, 6-0/Fr.; Andy Gentry, F, 6-7/Fr.; Henry Guy, F, 6-7/Fr.; Byron Hopkins, F, 6-8/Fr.; Matt Nordmann, G, 6-4/Fr.; Rich Reynolds, F, 6-7/Fr.

1985-86 Record: 30-5; Colonial: 13-1/1st

Site: Annapolis Md.

1986-87 Schedule

| | | | |
|-----------------------|-----|----------------------|-----|
| North Carolina State* | N22 | Delaware | J19 |
| Cutler Classic | N28 | At Drexel | J21 |
| Yale | D5 | William & Mary | J23 |
| St. Leo Fla. | D8 | At Kentucky | J25 |
| Bud Light Classic | D27 | At UNC Wilmington | J31 |
| UNC Wilmington | J3 | At East Carolina | F5 |
| East Carolina | J5 | James Madison | F5 |
| Richmond | J8 | Miami Fla.** | F7 |
| At James Madison | J10 | George Mason | F9 |
| At George Mason | J12 | Md. Baltimore County | F11 |
| At Lafayette | J14 | At American | F14 |
| American | J17 | At William & Mary | F16 |
| *Springfield, Mass. | | Army | F21 |
| **Baltimore, Md. | | At Richmond | F24 |

William & Mary (Indians)

Coach: Barry Parkhill (38-46, 3 years)

Starters Lost (1): Scott Coval, G (12.2 ppg, 2.5 rpg, 4 apg, 81.7 FT%).

Others Lost: John Bowen, F, 6-8/Jr. (transfer/Gannon); Mike Bracken, F, Alex Rocke, F, 6-5/Jr. (2.8 ppg, transfer/Manhattan).

Starters Returning (4): Mark Batzel, G-F, 6-6/Sr. (5 ppg, 3.8 rpg); Mark Boddy, C, 6-10/Sr. (4.4 ppg, 3.5 rpg); Ken Lambiotta, G-F, 6-4/Sr. (10.4 ppg, 5.1 rpg); Scott Trimble, G, 6-2/Sr. (6.1 ppg, 3.5 rpg).

Other Returnees: Tom Stock, F, 6-9/Soph.; David Bond, F, 6-7/Sr.; Greg Burzell, G, 6-5/Soph. (6 ppg); Bob Dail, C, 6-9/Sr. (3.9 ppg, 2 rpg); Tim Trout, F, 6-7/Jr. (5 ppg, 3.6 rpg).

Newcomers: Matt O'Reilly, G, 6-11/Fr.; Curtis Pride, G, 6-0/Fr.; Chris Salvador, F-C, 6-10/Fr.; Greg Taylor, G, 6-3/Fr.

1985-86 Record: 8-20; Colonial: 3-11/T6th

Site: Williamsburg, Va.

1986-87 Schedule

| | | | |
|-----------------------|-----|------------------|-----|
| Bridgewater (Va.) | D1 | At Navy | J23 |
| Virginia Commonwealth | D4 | At American | J26 |
| At Old Dominion | D6 | Old Dominion | J28 |
| Miami of Ohio | D8 | At Richmond | J31 |
| Christopher Newport | D20 | At George Mason | F2 |
| First Tulsa Classic | D29 | East Carolina | F7 |
| Richmond | J3 | UNC Wilmington | F9 |
| At Duke | J5 | At VMI | F11 |
| Towson Md. State | J7 | At James Madison | F14 |
| At UNC Wilmington | J10 | Navy | F16 |
| At East Carolina | J12 | At Drexel | F19 |
| James Madison | J17 | American | F23 |
| George Mason | J19 | | |

Surprising Boyce Puts Zip In Akron's 1986-87 Title Hopes

By GENE McLEAN

He is quiet, a man of few words. Soft words. It's one of the reasons he doesn't keep a phone in his apartment. And it's why some have jokingly nicknamed him Marcel Marceau.

But more and more, Akron's Marcel Boyce is becoming the talk of the Ohio Valley Conference. That's because he does such a good mime of a basketball player.

"He's a good player," Michigan Coach Bill Frieder said after his heavily favored Wolverines edged Boyce and the Zips in the first round of the NCAA Tournament last March. "He can shoot. He can rebound. He runs the floor. I like him. I think he's one of the most underrated players in the country. You don't hear a lot about him, but the kid can play."

Boyce, a 6-foot-6 senior forward, averaged 17.5 points and eight rebounds per game en route to OVC Player of the Year honors as he led the Zips to a share of the regular-season title, an OVC Tournament championship and their first-ever appearance in the NCAA playoffs. Not bad for a team that was picked to finish near the bottom of the league and a player who arrived from junior college without much hullabaloo and fanfare.

"I think Marcel Boyce was the biggest surprise of the year," Middle Tennessee State Coach Bruce Stewart said. "I didn't know anything about him. I don't think most people in our league or anywhere else did, either. And he comes in here and is the ultimate impact player.... He could play for any Division I school in the country. He is that good."

It has been a long climb for Boyce. After his senior year in high school, he didn't receive a single Division I scholarship offer.

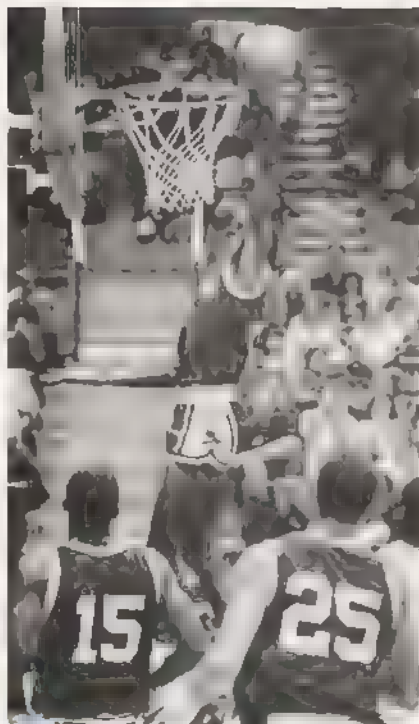
"In high school, I just wasn't that good," Boyce recalled. "I had a few (NAIA) offers, but not that many. After my senior year, I was about 6-6 and real skinny. I just thought it would help me if I went to a junior college where I could play and develop."

"I think it was the best thing for me. I got stronger. My game got better. I got a little more confidence. I was more aggressive. It just did wonders for me. When I came out, I was ready to play."

Boyce demonstrated that against Michigan in the NCAA Tournament. Despite constant foul trouble that limited his playing time, Boyce led the Zips with 17 points and eight rebounds as Akron nearly pulled the upset of the tournament. That 70-64 loss left the Zips with a 22-8 record.

"I didn't care about being MVP," Boyce said. "I'm just proud of tying for the league title. I want to win it outright this year, though."

That's a good possibility. Akron has back 10 lettermen, including three other



The multi-talented Marcel Boyce puts zip into Akron's Ohio Valley title hopes.

starters besides Boyce. And Coach Bob Huggins has added five new players, all of whom are taller than any veteran, to beef up the inside game.

The players to watch besides Boyce are forward Shawn Roberts and guards Mike Dowdell and Eric McLaughlin, the Most Valuable Player in the OVC Tournament. Such junior college transfers as Ken Culifer (6-9) and Scott Patterson (6-10) add bulk to the front line.

Akron's chief competition for the OVC title again will come from Middle Tennessee State, which is aiming for an NCAA Tournament bid after going to the National Invitation Tournament last year.

"I really believe we can do what Arkansas-Little Rock and Cleveland State did in the NCAA Tournament last year—be the Cinderella of '86-87," Stewart said.

The shoe just might fit if the Blue Raiders can replace All-OVC guard Kim Cooksey, the league's top scorer last year.

"We have some talented players who can do the job," Stewart said.

So they do. Leading the way is swingman Andrew Tunstill, a good defender and scorer. He is joined by forward-center Kerry Hammonds, who averaged 12.8 points and 7.6 rebounds a year ago. Duane Washington has experience at point guard, and sharpshooting forward Tyrus Baynham could take up the slack caused by the loss of Cooksey.

With the loss of four-time All-OVC forward Stephen Kite, Tennessee Tech must find a new hero and rebuild. That

role may go to sophomore point guard Anthony Avery, the OVC's top freshman last year.

"Anthony really did have an outstanding season, especially when you consider how important a point guard is and how difficult it is a position to learn for a freshman," Coach Tom Deaton said.

The best player besides Avery is freshman forward Earl Wise, whom Deaton called "the highest-rated player we have ever signed." The Golden Eagles have had two outstanding recruiting years in a row, but 13 of the 16 players on their roster are freshmen and sophomores.

It might not happen this season, but at Austin Peay State, the Governors are shooting for the top.

Coach Lake Kelly probably will rely on seniors Lawrence Mitchell and Richie Armstrong in the backcourt and center Darryl Bedford this year. But the future looks bright with the addition of such freshmen as forward Myron DeVoe and guard Kent McKenzie.

"All our freshmen are capable of stepping in and playing for us," Kelly said.

Eastern Kentucky, which was 10-18 last year with a young squad, could have the league's best backcourt if Antonio Parris rebounds from a confidence slump and Jeff McGill recaptures his old form.

Lewis Spence and Randolph Taylor are emerging stars up front. They'll be helped by the return of forward-center Tyrone Howard, who spent last season getting his grades and game together at New Mexico Military Institute.

"I don't think there is any question that we will be better," Coach Max Good said.

Morehead State has lost 39 games the last two seasons after going to the NCAA Tournament two years in a row. Coach Wayne Martin spent the recruiting season trying to build a new team around All-OVC center Bob McCann, who led the league in rebounding and blocked shots and paced the Eagles in scoring (16.9).

"We just have to give him some help," Martin said.

Murray State is in its second season under Coach Steve Newton, who expects a lot from point guard Don Mann and forward Jeff Martin, both sophomores. The addition of a couple of transfers—forwards Wayne Tiller (Tennessee) and Craig Eversoll (Virginia Tech)—also will help.

Youngstown State Coach Mike Rice lost his backcourt of Garry Robbins and Bruce Timko, which eliminated much of the Penguins' offense. It will be up to forward Tilman Bevely and center James Wilson to provide leadership.

Tennessee State has left the ranks of the independents and joined the OVC. But Coach Larry Reid's Tigers will not be eligible for the league title until next year. ■

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Akron (Zips)

Coach: Bob Huggins (34-22, 2 years).
Starters Lost (1): Russel Holmes, C (9 7 ppg, 4 9 rpg, 2 spg 54.1 FG%).
Others Lost: Mike Dowling, G (2.5 ppg); Mark McClendon, G, 6-4/Jr (4.1 ppg, sitting out).
Starters Returning (4): Marcel Boyce, F, 6-6/Sr (17.5 ppg, 8 rpg); Mike Dowling, G, 6-10/Sr (10 2 ppg, 3.6 rpg); John Loyer, G, 6-4/Sr (8 ppg, 5 7 FG%); Shawn Roberts, F, 6-6/Soph (7 ppg).
Other Returnees: Jon Ash, F, 6-6/Sr.; Chris Kelley, F, 6-4/Sr.; Eric McLaughlin, G, 5-11/Soph (7.8 ppg).
Doug Schultz, F, 6-6/Soph (9 5 ppg, 4.4 rpg, 52.5 FG% 80.6 FT%).
Newcomers: Ken Cullifer, C, 6-9/Jr. (JC); Shawn Dotson, G, 6-5/Fr.; Eric Douglas, F, 6-7/Fr.; Vincent Knowles, F, 6-8/Jr (JC); Scott Patterson, C, 6-10/Soph (JC).
1985-86 Record: 22-8, OVC 10-4/T1st
Site: Akron, O.

1986-87 Schedule

| | | | |
|----------------------|-----|---------------------------|-----|
| Slippery Rock (Pa.) | N29 | Austin Peay State | J17 |
| At Ohio | D1 | Murray State | J19 |
| Bowling Green State | D3 | Tennessee Tech | J24 |
| At Pittsburgh | D5 | Middle Tennessee State | J26 |
| Kent State | D6 | At Youngstown State | J31 |
| Cleveland State | D9 | Detroit | F2 |
| McDonald's Classic | D12 | Marion (O.) | F4 |
| Edinboro, Pa. | D20 | At Middle Tennessee State | F7 |
| At Robert Morris | D22 | At Tennessee Tech | F9 |
| South Carolina State | D29 | Morehead State | F14 |
| Youngstown State | J3 | Eastern Kentucky | F16 |
| At Eastern Kentucky | J10 | At Murray State | F21 |
| At Morehead State | J12 | At Austin Peay State | F23 |

Bold face denotes conference-leading totals.

Middle Tenn. St. (Blue Raiders)

Coach: Bruce Stewart (40-26, 2 years).
Starters Lost (2): Kim Cooksey, G (18 9 ppg, 4 rpg); James Johnson, G (14 1 ppg, 6 rpg, 2.3 spg).
Others Lost: Lee Campbell, F, C (11 3 ppg, 7 2 rpg, 63.4 FG%, quit team); Kambie Smith, G (transfer/Ole JC).
Starters Returning (3): Tyrus Baynam, F, 6-7/Jr (11 ppg, 3.1 rpg, 52.9 FG%); Kerry Hammonds, F-C, 6-7, 240/Jr (12 8 ppg, 7 6 rpg, 69.7 FG%); Andrew Tunstall, G-F, 8-3/Sr (12 8 ppg, 3.6 rpg, 54.7 FG%).
Other Returnees: Jimmy McGill, F-C, 6-9/Sr (4 1 ppg, 2.1 rpg, 63.8 FG%); Dwayne Rainey, C, 6-7, 280/Jr (6 5 ppg, 5.1 rpg); Duane Washington, G, 6-4/Sr (4 9 ppg, 3 rpg, 50.0 ppg).
Newcomers: Rod Barber, G, 6-3/Fr.; Tony Cook, G, 6-3/Sr (transfer/David Lipscomb); Gerald Harris, G, 6-11/Fr. (RS); Mike Messerly, G-F, 6-5/Fr. (RS); Chris Rainey, G, 5-11/Soph (JC).
1985-86 Record: 23 11; OVC 10-4/T1st.
Site: Murfreesboro, Tenn.

1986-87 Schedule

| | | | |
|--------------------------|-----|---------------------|-----|
| At Armstrong State | N28 | At Youngstown State | J24 |
| Cumberland (Ky.) | D1 | At Akron | J26 |
| McNeese State | D16 | At Tennessee State | J31 |
| Lincoln Memorial (Tenn.) | D17 | Tennessee Tech | F2 |
| At Marshall | D20 | Akron | F7 |
| Arkansas Little Rock | D22 | Youngstown State | F9 |
| At AD Classic | D29 | At Alabama State | F17 |
| At Tennessee Tech | J5 | Austin Peay State | F14 |
| Kennesaw, Ga. | J8 | Murray State | F16 |
| At Miami State | J10 | At Eastern Kentucky | F21 |
| At Austin Peay State | J12 | At Morehead State | F23 |
| Morehead State | J17 | Tennessee State | F26 |
| Eastern Kentucky | J19 | | |

Tennessee State (Tigers)

Coach: Larry Reid (14 14, 1 year).
Starters Lost (1): Edger Richey, C (4.5 ppg, 8 rpg).
Others Lost: Darn Baldwin, G; Eddie Talley, G, 6-5/Jr (8 6 ppg, 2.4 rpg, left team).
Starters Returning (4): John Collins, F, 6-7/Sr (18 7 ppg, 5.1 rpg); Anthony Mason, F, 6-7/Jr (18 ppg, 6 9 rpg); Treman Smith, G, 5-11/Soph (2.8 ppg); Jonathan Speller, G, 6-4/Sr (13 ppg, 3 8 rpg).
Other Returnees: Ronald Edwards, G, 6-0/Sr (3.5 ppg); Cordell Johnson, F, 6-6/Sr (3 ppg, 2.4 rpg); George Lester, F-C, 6-7/Soph (4.2 ppg, 2.2 rpg); Brant Miltstead, G-F, 6-6/Soph (3.8 ppg, 3 8 rpg).
Newcomers: Darrell Brooks, F, 6-5 Fr; Leonard Hughes, G, 5-11/Fr; Benjamin Jones, F, 6-7/Sr (transfer/Massachusetts); Robert Noddy, F, 6-6 Fr.; Judon Roper, F, 6-6 Jr (transfer/Alabama State); Clayton Scott, G, 6-0 Fr; Frank Walker, G, 6-2/Fr.
1985-86 Record: 14-14 as an independent
Site: Nashville, Tenn.

1986-87 Schedule

| | | | |
|-----------------------|-----|-------------------------|-----|
| At Sanford | N28 | At South Carolina State | J24 |
| At Milos (Ala.) | D1 | Alabama State | J28 |
| At Fisk (Tenn.) | D3 | Middle Tennessee State | J31 |
| At North Carolina A&T | D8 | Kentucky State | F2 |
| Faulkner (Ala.) | D11 | At Jackson State | F4 |
| At Va. Tech | D13 | At Southeast Louisiana | F7 |
| At Memphis State | D17 | Grantville State | F11 |
| At Jackson State | D20 | At Cincinnati | F14 |
| At Morehead State | J6 | South Carolina State | F16 |
| John M. Combs Classic | J7 | Florida A&M | F21 |
| Arkansas State | J10 | At Middle Tennessee | F26 |
| At Guntersville State | J15 | At Florida A&M | M2 |
| At North Carolina A&T | J22 | | |

Austin Peay State (Governors)

Coach: Lake Kelly (124-68, 7 years).
Starters Lost (2): Robert Higgins, G-F (8.6 ppg, 3 1 rpg); Gerald Gray, G (15.1 ppg, 5 rpg, 83.5 FT%).
Others Lost: John Brown, G-F, 6-3/Jr (dropped out); James Colson, F-C (16.9 ppg, 5 9 rpg); Pat Day, G (5 5 ppg); David Marker, F, 6-6/Soph (transfer); James McKinney, G, 6-3/Soph (transfer/JC).
Starters Returning (3): Richie Armstrong, G, 6-1/Sr (5.3 ppg, 3 rpg, 4.3 rpg); Darryl Bedford, C, 6-8/Sr (9.1 ppg, 7 rpg); Lawrence Mitchell, G, 6-3/Sr (11.1 ppg, 2.7 rpg).
Other Returnees: Mike Hicks, G, 6-2/Sr (4.9 ppg); Tony Raye, F, 6-4/Jr; Bob Thomas, C, 6-7 Sr (3 1 ppg).
Newcomers: Myron DeVoe, F, 6-7/Fr.; Kent McKenzie, G, 6-2/Fr.; Keith Rawls, G, 6-3/Jr. (Kentucky State JC).
1985-86 Record: 14-14, OVC 8-6/T3rd.
Site: Clarksville, Tenn.

1986-87 Schedule

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|---------------------|-----|---------------------------|-----|
| Centre (Ky.) | N28 | Middle Tennessee State | J12 |
| At Kentucky | N29 | At Akron | J17 |
| Marshall Tournament | D5 | At Youngstown State | J19 |
| At Rice | D9 | At Morehead State | J24 |
| At Auburn | D11 | At Eastern Kentucky | J26 |
| At Evansville | D13 | Murray State | J31 |
| At Missouri | D16 | Eastern Kentucky | F7 |
| At Minnesota | D18 | Morehead State | F9 |
| Tennessee-Martin | D20 | At Middle Tennessee State | F14 |
| Milligan (Tenn.) | J2 | At Tennessee Tech | F18 |
| Belmont (Tenn.) | J3 | Youngstown State | F21 |
| At Memphis State | J6 | Akron | F23 |
| Tennessee Tech | J10 | At Murray State | F27 |

Morehead State (Eagles)

Coach: Wayne Martin (118 106 8 years).
Starters Lost: None.
Others Lost: Brian Kelly, F (2 3 ppg); Andre Kibbler, F, 6-6/Soph (2.7 ppg, 3 3 rpg, transfer/JC); Jeff Thornberry, G, 6-3/Soph (RS/knee).
Starters Returning (5): Pate Clements, C, 6-7/Sr (4 8 ppg, 4.2 rpg); Willie Feldhusen, F, 6-6/Sr (8 4 ppg); Jeff Griffin, G, 6-4/Soph (8.8 ppg, 5 3 rpg); Bob McCann, C, 6-9/Sr (16 9 ppg, 10 4 rpg, 2.5 ppg); Bo Rivers, G, 6-3/Soph (5 3 ppg, 3 7 rpg).
Other Returnees: Steve Brooks, C, 6-7/Sr; Mike Chaney, C, 6-8/Soph; Darnn Hale, C, 6-8/Soph (4 4 ppg); Kevin Simpson, F, 6-7/Soph (5.2 ppg, 2 8 rpg); Talbert Turner, G, 5-10/Jr (7 4 ppg).
Newcomers: Tony Curry, G, 6-2/Fr.; Derrick Davis, G-F, 6-5/Jr (JC); Scott Jones, C, 6-8/Jr (returned from JC); Robin Lott, G, 6-4/Fr.; Michael Mason, G, 6-11/Jr (JC); Chris Swartz, G, 6-3/Fr.
1985-86 Record: 8-19; OVC 1 13/8th
Site: Morehead, Ky.

1986-87 Schedule

| | | | |
|-------------------------|-----|------------------------|-----|
| Tiffin (O.) | N29 | At Tennessee Tech | J19 |
| Tennessee Wesleyan | D3 | Austin Peay State | J24 |
| Western Illinois | D4 | Murray State | J26 |
| At South Carolina State | D8 | Eastern Kentucky | J3 |
| Iona Tournament | D12 | Evansville | F2 |
| At Indiana | D20 | At Murray State | F7 |
| West Virginia Tech | D22 | At Austin Peay State | F9 |
| Clinch Valley (Va.) | J3 | Marshall | F11 |
| Tennessee State | J5 | At Akron | F14 |
| Youngstown State | J10 | At Youngstown State | F16 |
| Akron | J12 | Tennessee Tech | F21 |
| At Cincinnati/Tenatival | J14 | Middle Tennessee State | F23 |
| At Middle Tennessee | J17 | At Eastern Kentucky | F28 |

Tenn. Tech (Golden Eagles)

Coach: Tom Deaton (85 80, 6 years).
Starters Lost (3): Joe Jones, C (6 2 ppg, 4 1 rpg); Stephen Kine, F (16 8 ppg, 7 4 rpg, 2.2 spg, 54.4 FG%); Joe Mintz, G (10 2 ppg, 4 6 rpg).
Others Lost: Jon Miller, F (7 2 ppg, 82.5 FG%).
Starters Returning (2): Anthony Avery, G, 6-0/Soph (12.3 ppg, 3 4 rpg, 5.3 spg, 50.9 FG%); Keith Turner, G-F, 6-4/Sr (7 6 ppg, 2 8 rpg).
Other Returnees: Jason Conkin, F, 6-6/Soph.; Ed deHaas, C, 6-10/Jr (6.2 ppg, 5 3 rpg, 51 1 FG%); Lester Hayes, F, 6-7, 240/Soph.; James Henry, C, 6-8/Sr (14 ppg, 2 4 rpg); Keith Jefferson, F, 6-6/Soph (12 8 ppg); Bret Krutinger, C, 6-8/Soph.; Stacey Sturghill, G, 5-11/Soph (RS/back).
Newcomers: Jeff Arms, G, 6-2/Fr.; Milos Babic, F, 6-11/Fr. (from Yugoslavia); Darryl Perry, F, 6-7/Fr.; Andy Walker, F, 6-6/Fr.; Earl Wise, F, 6-6/Fr.
1985-86 Record: 14-15, OVC 6-8/6th.
Site: Cookeville, Tenn.

1986-87 Schedule

| | | | |
|------------------------|-----|------------------------|-----|
| Baylor (Tenn.) | N29 | Morehead State | J19 |
| Coker (S.C.) | D6 | At Akron | J24 |
| At Armstrong State | D10 | At Youngstown State | J26 |
| Franklin (Pa.) | D13 | Cumberland (Ky.) | J29 |
| At Southwestern La. | D16 | Armstrong State | J31 |
| At Mississippi State | D18 | At Middle Tennessee | F2 |
| San Bern. Mississippi | D22 | Youngstown State | F7 |
| At Minnesota | D27 | Akron | F9 |
| At Western Kentucky | D30 | Murray State | F14 |
| Middle Tennessee State | J5 | Austin Peay State | F16 |
| At Austin Peay State | J10 | At Morehead State | F21 |
| At Murray State | J12 | At Eastern Kentucky | F23 |
| Eastern Kentucky | J17 | Southwestern Louisiana | F28 |

Eastern Kentucky (Colonels)

Coach: Max Good (62 85, 6 years).
Starters Lost (1): John DeCamille, G (8.8 ppg, 3 1 rpg, 7.6 spg, 1.8 spg, 81 3 FT%).
Others Lost: Shawnee Anderson, F, 6-5/Soph (5 4 ppg, 4.8 rpg, transfer/JC); Gary Powell, C (14.1 ppg).
Starters Returning (4): Bobby Collins, G-F, 6-1/Jr (5.7 ppg, 3 rpg); Antonio Parris, G, 6-2/Sr (13.2 ppg); Lewis Spence, F, 6-5/Jr (14 5 ppg, 5 4 rpg); Randolph Taylor, C, 6-7/Soph (17.2 ppg, 6 1 rpg).
Other Returnees: Nelson Davis, F-C, 6-8/Soph.; Terry Manning, G, 6-3/Jr.; Jeff McGill, G, 6-1/Jr (8.3 ppg, 3.1 rpg, 3.4 rpg); Mario Pearson, F, 6-4/Soph (3 1 ppg, 3 rpg).
Newcomers: Charles Baker, G, 6-3/Jr (JC); Vernon Evans, F, 6-6/Fr.; Tyrone Howard, F-C, 6-7/Jr (returned from JC); Ben Phillips, F, 6-6/Jr (JC); Curtis Stephens, G, 5-11/Jr (JC).
1985-86 Record: 10-18, OVC 5-9/7th
Site: Richmond, Ky.

1986-87 Schedule

| | | | |
|-------------------------|-----|------------------------|-----|
| Samford | D1 | At Middle Tennessee | J19 |
| Lee (Tenn.) | D4 | Murray State | J24 |
| At Louisville | D6 | Austin Peay State | J26 |
| Milligan (Tenn.) | D8 | At Morehead State | J31 |
| At Miami of Ohio | D13 | At UNC Asheville | F3 |
| Auburn | D15 | At Austin Peay State | F7 |
| Hawaiian Tropic Classic | D19 | At Murray State | F9 |
| At Augusta | D29 | Wilmington (O.) | F11 |
| Western Kentucky | J7 | At Youngstown State | F14 |
| Akron | J10 | At Akron | F16 |
| Youngstown State | J12 | Middle Tennessee State | F21 |
| UNC Asheville | J14 | Tennessee Tech | F23 |
| At Tennessee Tech | J17 | Morehead State | F28 |

Murray State (Racers)

Coach: Steve Newton (17-12, 1 year).
Starters Lost (3): Curtis Davis, C (14 4 ppg, 3 5 rpg, flunked out); Chuck Glass, F (18.2 ppg, 6 8 rpg, 2 spg); Zedric Macdon, G (12 6 ppg, 3 6 rpg).
Others Lost: Darryl Pace, C (transfer); Glenn Sanders, G (8.1 ppg, 80.9 FT% transfer/SIU-E).
Starters Returning (2): Don Mann, G, 5-10/Soph (6 4 ppg, 3 rpg); Jeff Martin, F, 6-5/Soph (11 7 ppg, 5 4 rpg).
Other Returnees: Derrick Flowers, F, 6-7/Sr (12.6 ppg); Toney Ford, G, 6-2/Sr (4.4 ppg); George Kimbrough, F, 6-4/Soph (3.3 ppg, 3 rpg).
Newcomers: Craig Eversoll, F, 6-6/Jr (transfer/Virginia Tech); Doug Gold, F, 6-6/Fr.; Bruce Jackson, G, 6-3/Jr (JC); Robert McClatchey, F, 6-7/Jr (JC); Al McCullough, G, 6-4/Fr.; A.J. Mensley, G, 6-4/Fr.; Chris Ogden, F, 6-7/Fr.; Wayne Tiller, F, 6-7/Soph (transfer/Tennessee).
1985-86 Record: 17-12, OVC 8-8/T3rd
Site: Murray, Ky.

1986-87 Schedule

| | | | |
|---------------------------|-----|----------------------|-----|
| William Penn (Pa.) | N28 | At Akron | J19 |
| Belmont (Tenn.) | N29 | At Eastern Kentucky | J24 |
| At Southern Illinois | D1 | At Morehead State | J26 |
| Wendy's Classic | D5 | At Austin Peay State | J31 |
| At Memphis State | D8 | New Orleans | F7 |
| Budweiser Bayou Classic | D18 | Morehead State | F9 |
| At Minnesota | D30 | Eastern Kentucky | F14 |
| Kentucky State | J3 | At Tennessee Tech | F16 |
| Evansville | J6 | At Middle Tennessee | F21 |
| Indiana Purdue Fort Wayne | J7 | Akron | F23 |
| Middle Tennessee State | J10 | Youngstown State | F27 |
| Tennessee Tech | J12 | Austin Peay State | F27 |
| At Youngstown State | J17 | | |

Youngstown State (Penguins)

Coach: Mike Rice (64 50, 4 years).
Starters Lost (2): Bruce Timko, G (9 6 ppg, 2 3 rpg, 6 ppg, 1 6 rpg); Gary Robbins, G (15 2 ppg, 4 8 rpg).
Others Lost: Louis Gaffney, G.
Starters Returning (3): Tilman Bevely, F, 6-4/Jr (9 2 ppg, 4 9 rpg); Robert Johnson, F, 6-7/Sr (9.6 ppg, 5 8 rpg); James Wilson, C, 6-9/Soph (10.7 ppg, 5 5 rpg, 52.5 FG%).
Other Returnees: Jim Gilmore, F, 6-5/Jr (3.6 ppg, 2 7 rpg); John Robinson, F, 6-2/Jr (3.3 ppg, 2.1 rpg).
Newcomers: Matt Anderson, F, 6-0/Fr.; Courtney Gilmore, F, 6-7/Fr.
1985-86 Record: 12-18, OVC 8-8/T3rd
Site: Youngstown, O.

1986-87 Schedule

| | | | |
|----------------------|-----|------------------------|-----|
| Joe Jacobich Tour | N28 | Middle Tennessee State | J24 |
| Slippery Rock (Pa.) | D1 | Tennessee Tech | J26 |
| YS Invitational | D5 | Wright State (O.) | J28 |
| Cincinnati State | D13 | Akron | J31 |
| At So. Alabama | D15 | St. Louis | F2 |
| At Ohio University | D17 | At Detroit | F4 |
| At Miami O. | D22 | At Tennessee Tech | F7 |
| South Carolina State | D27 | At Middle Tennessee | F9 |
| At Akron | J3 | Eastern Kentucky | F14 |
| At Morehead State | J10 | At Morehead State | F16 |
| At Eastern Kentucky | J12 | At Austin Peay State | F21 |
| Murray State | J17 | At Murray State | F23 |
| Austin Peay State | J19 | | |

Marshall Gets the Early Nod, But Davidson Will Challenge

By BOB SPEAR

If drugs, whispers of point-shaving and compromised academic standards are the bad and the ugly of college basketball, Davidson represents the game's good side.

The Wildcats are proof that successful programs can be structured and championships can be won without sacrificing academic integrity.

You'll never catch Coach Bobby Hussey spending a summer sweating out whether his prize recruit will huff and puff and finally muster the minimum test score required to gain eligibility. He asks no favors from the admissions office—and he wouldn't get them if he did. As a result, he generally must recruit players who scored high on the SAT and ranked at the top of their high school classes.

"We'll be playing more talented teams most of the time," Hussey said, "but we can compensate in other ways. It's not the best players who win; it's the best team."

Davidson almost filled the "best team" bill in the Southern Conference a year ago, forging a 20-11 record and going 10-6 in the league, good enough for a second-place tie. The Wildcats then knocked off champion Tennessee-Chattanooga, 42-40, to win their first league tournament crown in 16 years.

"It's very timely for us," Hussey said. "It's perfect in that it has stimulated fund raising for our new facility, and it has had a far-reaching impact on recruiting."

"I've always found players who could qualify academically receptive to Davidson in recruiting, and this helps a little more. We use our academic restrictions as a positive in recruiting, and now they see we can win championships."

Davidson brought home the tournament crown in the senior season of Hussey's first full recruiting class. The climb did not come easily.

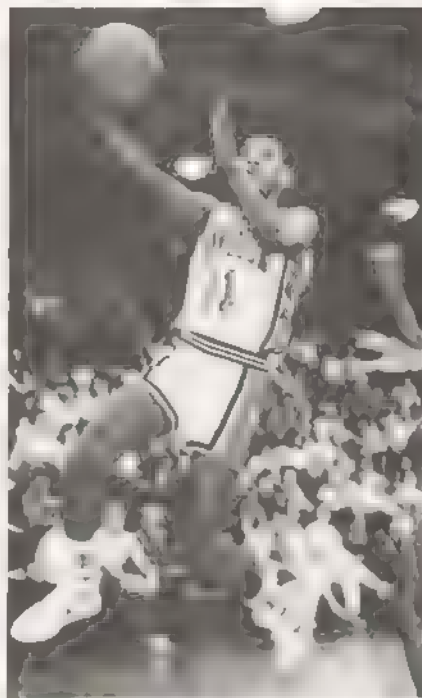
"We answered a lot of 'why?' questions," he said. "Recruits would ask, 'Davidson was good for so long; what happened?' It took longer because we can't get rich quick. We can't take the junior college route."

Recognizing the probability of facing more talented teams, Hussey strives "to create a winning edge for ourselves" through the old-fashioned work ethic.

Four solid citizens—guards Derek Rucker and Chris Heineman and forwards Jeff Himes and Anthony Tanner—return to form the nucleus this winter.

Rucker, an All-Southern pick who averaged 14 points per game, has led the Wildcats in scoring and assists the last two years. Himes is the team's best defender, while Tanner, a part-time starter a year ago, is a talented shot-blocker.

These players will be joined by guard Dean Keener and what Hussey called a "very good" recruiting class. But Hussey



Derek Rucker is the offensive leader for Davidson, last season's Southern Conference Tournament winner.

must find someone to replace center Jim McConkey. And with so many new names on the roster, depth could be a problem.

Marshall, which tied Davidson in the league last year, gets the early nod as Southern favorite this season.

Marshall's 19-11 record last year would have been reason to rejoice at many schools, but it created a lot of sad faces around Huntington, W.Va. The Thundering Herd failed to win the league crown for the second time in Coach Rick Huckabay's three seasons.

But Marshall will feature a talented junior class that may lift the Thundering Herd back to the top. Guard Skip Henderson, who averaged 18.4 points a year ago, already is a two-time all-conference choice, while 6-foot-10 center Tom Curry should start dominating the middle and forward Rodney Holden was the league's top rebounder (8.7 average).

Western Kentucky transfer Brian Fish could start alongside Henderson at guard. A pair of junior college transfers, Tommy Boyd and Dwayne Lewis, may share the other forward spot, although several returnees are on hand to battle for the job.

Huckabay said he hopes the rest of the league still will view Marshall as one of the teams to beat.

"It's tough to stay on top, but I like having everyone shooting for the leader," he said. "It makes you work harder and strive for perfection."

Tennessee-Chattanooga has been a model of excellence for six seasons. First

under Murray Arnold and last year under Mack McCarthy, the Moccasins are battling .773 with a 143-42 record, five Southern titles, three NCAA Tournament berths and three National Invitation Tournament bids in that span.

Another good year appears to be in store. Forwards Lance Fulse and Darryl Ivery and guard James Hunter give McCarthy three experienced starters, and immediate aid could be forthcoming from junior college transfers Morris Lyons at guard and 6-11 Ron Spunar up front. The Moccasins won with little height last year, so Spunar should be a big plus.

Western Carolina will open a new 8,000-seat arena this season, and the Cata-mounts should do it in style. Experience abounds on Coach Steve Cottrell's club, with All-Southern forward Leroy Gasque heading a cast of five returning starters. Gasque ranked among the league leaders in scoring (16.3 points per game), rebounding (7.5), field-goal percentage (58) and blocked shots (1.3).

"He's an impact player who has not reached his potential," Cottrell said. "He's as good as anybody we play against."

Junior college recruit John Cunningham could provide help from three-point range.

Senior forward Gay Elmore, the league's Player of the Year last season, gives Virginia Military Institute an excellent base. Elmore, who averaged 22.8 points to lead the league, made first-year Coach Joe Cantafio a happy man by returning for a fifth year.

On the down side, guard Darrin McDonald, the Southern's Freshman of the Year, will not be back. He transferred to Old Dominion.

At Appalachian State, first-year Coach Tom Apke has only two starters among six lettermen, and the missing trio ranked 1-23 in scoring. A brutal early schedule—nine of the first 11 games on the road, including Alabama, Duke, Tennessee, Wake Forest and a Texas-El Paso journey—provides little encouragement. Apke will rebuild around 6-11 center Greg Dolan.

The Citadel welcomes back four starters. Guard Craig Bardo should lead the Bulldogs to the middle of the pack, or above, in their second season under Coach Randy Nesbit.

Furman is likewise blessed with a wealth of experienced personnel. The Paladins, who went 10-17 in their first season under Coach Butch Estes, figure to escape the basement with forward John Castile and guard Shawn Reid.

Coach Les Robinson pumped life into East Tennessee State's program, but all-conference guard Wes Stallings is gone, and the Buccaneers will be hard-pressed to climb too far from the cellar. ■

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App'l'chian St. (Mountaineers)

Coach: Tom Apke (first year at Appalachian State).
Starters Lost (3): Rod Davis, F (14.7 ppg, 5.2 rpg, 56.7 FG%); Ron Fiorini, G (9.3 ppg, 3.3 apg), Lynnwood Robinson, G (10.9 ppg, 3.6 apg).
Others Lost: James Carlton, F (4.2 ppg, 5.1 rpg).
Starters Returning (2): Greg Dolan, C, 6-11/235/Sr (9 ppg, 4.9 rpg, 51.5 FG%); Jeff Dowd, G-F, 6-3/Sr (5.6 ppg, 3.1 rpg).
Other Returnees: Willie Allen, G, 6-1/Soph.; Ronnie Christian, G, 6-5/Soph.; Sanford Kilian, F-C, 6-6/Sr.; Darryl Person, G-F, 6-3/Jr. (7.2 ppg, 3 rpg).
Newcomers: Patrick Easterling, F, 6-6/Fr.; Jerry Holmes, F-C, 6-8/Jr. (transfer/Texas); Sammy Gibson, F, 6-9/Fr.; Ben Miller, F, 6-8/Fr.; Kemp Phillips, G, 5-10/Fr.; Jimmy Stewart, F-C, 6-8/Fr.; Brian Witten, F, 6-6/Fr.
1985-86 Record: 17-12 Southern; 9-7/4th.
Site: Boone, N.C.

1986-87 Schedule

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|------------------------|-----|-----------------------------|-----|
| At Tennessee | N28 | At East Tennessee State | J22 |
| S Carolina-Spartanburg | D1 | UNC Asheville | J24 |
| UTEP Tip-Off Classic | D5 | Liberty Baptist (Va.) | J28 |
| Mars Hill (N.C.) | D9 | At The Citadel | J31 |
| At Auburn | D20 | Furman | F2 |
| At Duke | D29 | At Western Carolina | F7 |
| At Furman | J3 | At UT Chattanooga | F9 |
| At Wake Forest | J7 | East Tennessee State | F12 |
| At Marshall | J10 | Davidson | F14 |
| At VMI | J12 | The Citadel | F16 |
| UT Chattanooga | J15 | At UNC Asheville | F18 |
| At Davidson | J17 | Virginia Military Institute | F21 |
| Western Carolina | J19 | Marshall | F23 |

East Tenn. State (Buccaneers)

Coach: Les Robinson (13-16, 1 year).
Starters Lost (3): Calvin Cannady, F (14 ppg, 6.5 rpg, 60.3 FG%); Wes Stellings, G (19.2 ppg, 3.4 rpg); James Tandy, G (11.4 ppg, 3.4 rpg, 82.7 FT%).
Others Lost: Albert Sams, G (5 ppg, 2.8 rpg).
Starters Returning (2): Carmel Manuel, G, 6-2/Sr. (9.9 ppg, 3.1 rpg, 4.3 apg, 50.9 FG%); Steve Shirley, F, 6-6/Jr. (8 ppg, 4.1 rpg).
Other Returnees: Tim Austin, F, 6-2/Sr. (4.6 ppg).
Steve Cox, F, 6-6/Fr. (RS/ankle after two games); Rodney Jones, F, 6-4/Soph.; Mark Larkay, C, 6-8/Soph.; Lewis Morris, F, 6-6/Soph. (2.1 ppg); David Vaughn, F, 6-8/Sr. (3.6 ppg, 2.3 rpg); LaVale Webster, F, 6-8/Jr. (transferred back from Portland).
Newcomers: Roy Donaldson, G, 6-3/Jr. (JC); John King, F, 6-8/Soph. (transfer/Southeastern Louisiana); Sid Primus, F, 6-8/Fr.
1985-86 Record: 13-16; Southern: 8 8/5th.
Site: Johnson City, Tenn.

1986-87 Schedule

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|-----------------------------|-----|----------------------|-----|
| Newberry (S.C.) | N28 | At The Citadel | J26 |
| North Carolina Wesleyan | D1 | At Virginia Tech | J28 |
| At North Carolina State | D3 | Marshall | J31 |
| UNC Greensboro | D6 | South Carolina Aiken | F2 |
| At Virginia | D10 | At Furman | F5 |
| UNC Asheville | D13 | At UT Chattanooga | F7 |
| UT Chattanooga | D13 | Western Carolina | F9 |
| Coastal Carolina (N.C.) | J5 | At Appalachian State | F12 |
| Virginia Military Institute | J10 | The Citadel | F14 |
| At Marshall | J12 | Davidson | F16 |
| At Western Carolina | J17 | At North Carolina | F18 |
| At Davidson | J19 | At VMI | F18 |
| Appalachian State | J22 | At UNC Asheville | F24 |
| Furman | J24 | | |

UT-Chattanooga (Moccasins)

Coach: Mack McCarthy (21-10, 1 year).
Starters Lost (2): John Gibson, G (4.6 ppg, 2.6 rpg, 4.3 apg); Carliss Jeter, G (12.3 ppg, 8.4 FT%).
Others Lost: Eugene Deal, F, Tim Ferguson, F; Dwight Harris, G (6.7 ppg); Bobby Hines, F, 6-6/Sr. (suspended from team).
Starters Returning (3): Lance Fulse, F, 6-6, 257/Jr. (11.6 ppg, 5.9 rpg, 54.3 FG%); Darryl Ivery, F, 6-6/Jr. (9.4 ppg, 7.4 rpg); James Hunter, G, 6-4/Sr. (9.9 ppg, 3.2 rpg).
Other Returnees: Cornelius Crank, F, 6-6/Sr. (5.1 ppg, 2.5 rpg, 60.4 FG%); Maurice Head, G, 6-0/Sr. (2.9 ppg); Vincent Ingram, G, 6-3/Soph.; John McCloud, F, 6-7/Soph. (2 rpg).
Newcomers: Morris Lyons, G, 6-2/Jr. (JC); Shendi Moon, F, 6-5/Fr.; Kevin Rutland, G, 6-2/Fr.; Ron Spunar, F, 6-11/Jr. (JC).
1985-86 Record: 21-10, Southern: 10-4/1st.
Site: Chattanooga.

1986-87 Schedule

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|-------------------------|-----|-----------------------------|-----|
| Armstrong State (Ga.) | N29 | At Western Carolina | J22 |
| At Vanderbilt | D3 | At Marshall | J24 |
| Coca Cola Invitational | D5 | Virginia Military Institute | J26 |
| Mississippi State | D16 | Furman | J29 |
| Baylor Classic | D19 | Western Carolina | J31 |
| At Texas | D22 | At Davidson | F5 |
| UT Chattanooga Classic | D22 | East Tennessee State | F7 |
| At East Tennessee State | J3 | Appalachian State | F9 |
| The Citadel | J5 | At VMI | F14 |
| Davidson | J7 | Marshall | F16 |
| At Appalachian State | J15 | At Furman | F21 |
| UNC Asheville | J17 | At The Citadel | F23 |

The Citadel (Bulldogs)

Coach: Randy Nesbit (10-18, 1 year).
Starters Lost (1): Jimmy Tharpe, G (6.8 ppg, 3.6 rpg, 6.4 apg, 2 apg, 83.6 FT%).
Others Lost: John Hargette, F (2.2 ppg, 2.2 rpg).
Starters Returning (4): Craig Bardo, G, 6-4/Sr. (16.5 ppg, 3.6 rpg, 83.3 FT%); Leon Bryant, G, 6-1/Soph. (7.5 ppg, 5.6 FG%); Craig Burgess, F, 6-6/Sr. (13.4 ppg, 6.3 rpg, 80.3 FT%); Kent Hill, F, 6-6/Jr. (13.8 ppg, 6.3 rpg, 55.1 FG%).
Other Returnees: James Bishop, F, 6-6/Soph.; Bill Broadway, F, 6-6/Soph. (3.3 ppg); Ed Conroy, G, 6-1/Soph. (3.2 ppg); John Hartwell, C, 6-8/Sr. (8.7 ppg, 5 rpg); Richey Sawyer, G, 6-11/Sr.; James Stevens, F, 6-5/Soph. (2.2 ppg).
Newcomers: Tim Parchinski, F-C, 6-7/Fr.; Beau Strick and, F, 6-8/Fr.
1985-86 Record: 10-19, Southern: 5-11/7th.
Site: Charleston, S.C.

1986-87 Schedule

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|-----------------------------|-----|-------------------------|-----|
| At South Alabama | N29 | At Davidson | J24 |
| Coker (S.C.) | D1 | East Tennessee State | J26 |
| At Army | D4 | Appalachian State | J31 |
| At Hartford | D5 | At Western Carolina | F2 |
| Mid-Baltimore County | D8 | UNC Asheville | F5 |
| At South Carolina | D10 | At VMI | F7 |
| Benedict (S.C.) | D13 | At Marshall | F9 |
| At Kansas | D22 | Barber Scots (N.C.) | F12 |
| At UT Chattanooga | J5 | At East Tennessee State | F14 |
| Davidson | J10 | At Appalachian State | F16 |
| At College of Charleston | J13 | At Furman | F19 |
| Marshall | J17 | Western Carolina | F21 |
| Virginia Military Institute | J19 | UT Chattanooga | F23 |
| Furman | J22 | | |

Davidson (Wildcats)

Coach: Bobby Hussey (66-80, 5 years).
Starters Lost (2): Gerry Born, F (11 ppg, 6.7 rpg, 55.1 FG%); Jim McConkey, C (3.9 ppg, 3.9 rpg).
Others Lost: Pepper Bego, G (3.8 ppg); Ken Niebuhr, C (4.5 ppg, 2.7 rpg, 87.9 FT%); Pat Rialzi, G; Ted Wolfe, F.
Starters Returning (3): Chris Heneman, G, 6-2/Sr. (9 ppg); Jeff Himes, F, 6-4/Jr. (12.2 ppg, 3.9 rpg, 55 FG%); Derek Rucker, G, 6-0/Jr. (14 ppg, 2.4 rpg, 4.4 apg, 2.2 ppg, 51.6 FG%, 88.9 FT%).
Other Returnees: Dean Keener, G, 6-3/Jr.; Anthony Tanner, F, 6-6/Sr. (7.9 ppg, 4.1 rpg).
Newcomers: Edward Gaines, G, 6-3/Fr.; Maurice Gray, G, 6-4/Fr.; Jeff Harris, C, 6-8/Fr.; Allen Hunter, G, 5-11/Fr.; Jay Schmitt, C, 6-8/Fr.; Dick Seidel, F, 6-8/Fr.
1985-86 Record: 20-11, Southern: 10-6/T2nd.
Site: Davidson, N.C.

1986-87 Schedule

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| University of the South | N28 | East Tennessee State | J19 |
| Wake Forest | D3 | The Citadel | J24 |
| Wofford (S.C.) | D6 | At Furman | J26 |
| At Duke | D8 | Western Carolina | J29 |
| Erskine (S.C.) | D10 | At VMI | F31 |
| UNC Charlotte | D13 | At Marshall | F2 |
| At Princeton | D16 | UT Chattanooga | F5 |
| Holy Cross | D20 | Florida International | F7 |
| At Bowling Green State | D28 | Furman | F12 |
| At South Carolina | J3 | At Appalachian State | F14 |
| At UT Chattanooga | J7 | At East Tennessee State | F16 |
| At The Citadel | J10 | Marshall | F21 |
| At Western Carolina | J12 | Virginia Military Institute | F23 |
| Appalachian State | J17 | | |

Furman (Paladins)

Coach: Butch Estes (10-17, 1 year).
Starters Lost: None.
Others Lost: Ned Caswell, G-F (opted to play tennis); Chris Keen, G (quit team); Pat Suttle, C.
Starters Returning (6): Joey Brooks, C, 6-6/Soph. (17.4 ppg, 3.8 rpg, 82.7 FG%); John Castle, F, 6-5/Jr. (9.4 ppg, 6.7 rpg, 3.5 apg, 53 FG%); Dave Conrady, G, 6-1/Sr. (6.4 ppg); Eric Moore, F, 6-6/Sr. (10.4 ppg, 4.4 rpg, 50.2 FG%); Shawn Reid, G, 6-1/Jr. (13.4 ppg, 3 rpg, 86.2 FT%).
Other Returnees: David Brown, G, 5-10/Soph. (6.3 ppg, 8.2 FT%); Gary Churchill, F, 6-7/Jr. (2.4 rpg); Herman Sims, F, 6-8/Sr. (5.9 ppg); Kent Westington, G, 6-5/Sr. (3.3 ppg).
Newcomers: Jerry Crosby, F-C, 6-7/Fr.; Neel Garrison, G, 6-2/Fr.; Mark Linkash, G, 6-4/Fr.; Jay Nettles, G, 6-0/Fr.; Deon Smith, F, 6-8/Fr.
1985-86 Record: 10-17; Southern: 5-11/T8th.
Site: Greenville, S.C.

1986-87 Schedule

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|-----------------------------|-----|-------------------------|-----|
| Erskine (S.C.) | N29 | Marshall | J19 |
| At Alabama | D1 | At The Citadel | J22 |
| Oglethorpe (Ga.) | D11 | At East Tennessee State | J24 |
| At Western Carolina | D3 | Davidson | J27 |
| At UNC Asheville | D15 | UT Chattanooga | J29 |
| Winthrop (S.C.) | D17 | At Winthrop (S.C.) | J31 |
| Lander (S.C.) | D20 | At Appalachian State | F2 |
| At North Carolina | D22 | East Tennessee State | F5 |
| Appalachian State | J3 | At Marshall | F7 |
| At DuPaul | J5 | At VMI | F9 |
| Wofford (S.C.) | J7 | At Davidson | F12 |
| Western Carolina | J10 | The Citadel | F19 |
| At Clemson | J14 | UT Chattanooga | F21 |
| Virginia Military Institute | J17 | | |

Marshall (Thundering Herd)

Coach: Rick Huckabay (65-30, 3 years).
Starters Lost (2): Jeff Guthrie, F (11.5 ppg, 7.4 rpg, 60.2 FG%); Norman Ray, G, 6-0/Sr. (6.3 ppg, 3 apg, flunked out).
Others Lost: John Amendola, G (4.6 ppg, 81.8 FT%); Fred Callaway, F, 6-6/Sr. (3 ppg, flunked out).
Jeff Richardson, C (6.1 ppg, 3.6 rpg).
Starters Returning (3): Tom Curry, C, 6-10/Jr. (14.4 ppg, 5 rpg, 56.9 FG%); Skip Henderson, G, 6-2/Jr. (18.4 ppg, 3.4 rpg, 4.2 apg, 1.7 ppg); Rodney Holden, F, 6-7/Jr. (110 ppg, 8.7 rpg).
Other Returnees: Pete Brown, F, 6-6/Soph.; Maurice Bryson, F, 6-6/Jr. (3.1 ppg); John Humphrey, G, 6-5/Soph. (2.4 ppg); Kevin Staples, F, 6-5/Soph.
Newcomers: Tommy Boyd, F, 6-8/Jr. (JC); Brian Fish, G, 6-5/Soph. (transfer/Western Ky.); Brian Joiner, C, 6-8/Fr.; Dwayne Lewis, F, 6-5/Jr. (JC).
1985-86 Record: 19-11, Southern: 10-6/T2nd.
Site: Huntington, W. Va.

1986-87 Schedule

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|------------------------|-----|-----------------------------|-----|
| At Kent State | N29 | At Furman | J19 |
| Marshall Memorial Inv. | D25 | UT Chattanooga | J24 |
| Ohio University | D10 | At Western Carolina | J26 |
| Florida A&M | D18 | Virginia Military Institute | J29 |
| Middle Tennessee State | D20 | At East Tennessee State | J31 |
| Sam Houston State | D22 | Davidson | F2 |
| At West Virginia | D27 | Furman | F7 |
| At Baylor | D30 | The Citadel | F9 |
| Nevada Reno | J3 | At Morehead State | F11 |
| Appalachian State | J10 | Western Carolina | F14 |
| East Tennessee State | J12 | At UT Chattanooga | F16 |
| At VMI | J15 | At Davidson | F21 |
| At The Citadel | J17 | At Appalachian State | F23 |

W'ern Carolina (Catamounts)

Coach: Steve Cottrell (135-114, 9 years).
Starters Lost: None.
Others Lost: Clifford Waddy, F-C (11.9 ppg, 3.8 rpg, 89.7 FT%).
Starters Returning (5): Leroy Gasque, F, 6-6/Jr. (16.3 ppg, 7.5 rpg, 58 FG%); Andre Gaul, C, 6-8/Jr. (5.9 ppg, 5.3 rpg); Richard Rogers, F, 6-6/Sr. (11.4 ppg, 4.7 rpg, 52.4 FG%, 83.1 FT%); Floyd Showers, G, 6-5/Soph. (10.6 ppg, 2.8 rpg); Vincent Walker, G, 6-1/Jr. (7.7 ppg, 3 rpg, 5.4 apg).
Other Returnees: Robert Hill, G-F, 6-4/Soph. (3.6 ppg); Robert Hutchison, G, 6-5/Jr.; Maurice Johnson, G, 5-11/Soph.; Chris Tipton, C, 6-9/Sr. (2.9 ppg); Jim Yates, C, 6-8/Jr.
Newcomers: John Cunningham, G, 6-3/Jr. (JC); Scott Hargrove, F, 6-8/Fr.; Myron Lewis, G, 6-0/Fr.; Ralph Simmerman, C, 6-10/Fr.
1985-86 Record: 14-14, Southern: 8 8/5th.
Site: Cullowhee, N.C.

1986-87 Schedule

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|----------------------|-----|-----------------------------|-----|
| At Florida | D2 | Virginia Military Institute | J24 |
| North Carolina State | D6 | Marshall | J26 |
| UNC Asheville | D8 | At Davidson | J29 |
| At UNC Charlotte | D10 | At UT Chattanooga | J31 |
| Furman | D13 | The Citadel | F2 |
| Florida State | D16 | Campbell (N.C.) | F4 |
| At Campbell (N.C.) | J3 | Appalachian State | F7 |
| Tusculum Tenn. | J5 | At East Tennessee State | F9 |
| At UNC Asheville | J8 | Bryan (Tenn.) | F12 |
| At Furman | J10 | At Marshall | F14 |
| Davidson | J12 | At VMI | F16 |
| East Tennessee State | J17 | At The Citadel | F21 |
| At Appalachian State | J19 | Ferrum (Va.) | F23 |
| UT Chattanooga | J22 | | |

Everybody Wants a Piece Of Arkansas-Little Rock

By TERRY BLOUNT

After eight years of trying, the Trans America Athletic Conference finally got over the hump last season.

Coach Mike Newell and the Arkansas-Little Rock Trojans gave the TAAC just what it needed most—an NCAA Tournament victory. And with it came instant respectability for the conference.

"I think it meant an awful lot to our league—not only that we finally won a tournament game, but who we beat," Newell said.

The Trojans shocked Notre Dame, 90-83, in the opening round, then took North Carolina State to double overtime before falling, 80-66.

"The N.C. State game is the one that really made us," Newell said. "Everyone thought the Notre Dame game was a fluke, but then we played N.C. State to double overtime and should have won it. That's when people knew we could play."

Marquette officials were so impressed with the Trojans' performance that they offered Newell a contract worth more than \$1 million to be the Warriors' coach. But Newell shocked a few folks when he turned down the offer, saying he wanted to stay at Little Rock. That, too, was a big plus for the league.

"I have a commitment to UALR, and they have one to me," Newell said. "I think people were saying, 'He must have something really interesting down there.' You don't just turn down Marquette...."

"We have the potential to become a Marquette or an Alabama-Birmingham. What we did last spring got people fired up about this conference and our school."

There's a little irony, however, in the Trojans' success. It greatly helped the league's image, but it also gave UALR an option to leave the conference.

"We're staying in the TAAC for now," Newell said. "But we're leaving our options open for the future."

UALR dominated the league last season, winning the TAAC title by four games. But three starters have departed—TAAC Player of the Year Myron Jackson and All-TAAC forward Pete Myers, the league's top two scorers a year ago, plus league-leading rebounder Michael Clarke—so this year's race should be wide open.

Newell will rebuild the Trojans around 6-foot-9 sophomore center Daron Huges, who was redshirted last season to gain experience. Guard Paul Springer and forward Paris McCurdy should start again, and several veterans and newcomers will fill in the other spots.

Newcomers will dominate the starting lineup at Georgia State, which should be the most improved team in the league. Coach Bob Reinhart, a former Atlanta Hawks assistant, is emphasizing home-

grown talent in his recruiting, and the results have been impressive.

Reinhart has brought in several transfers from major colleges, most notably guard Melvin Howard and center Efreem Jackson (Georgia), guard Daryl Gresham (Florida) and forward Harlen Graham (Clemson). All are Georgia natives, and the nifty backcourt of Howard and Gresham played together under Reinhart at Decatur High School.

All this incoming talent could make it difficult for sophomore forward Keven Davis to retain his starting job. In addition, forward Paul Norris is back after missing last season because of an aneurysm. This depth could spark the Panthers to a winning record, which they have achieved only once in 23 years.

Two more teams will be eligible for the TAAC title this year, Stetson and Texas-San Antonio. The expansion to 10 teams did not meet with unanimous approval from TAAC coaches.

"I was very opposed to it," Centenary Coach Tommy Canterbury said. "It's just two more teams to divide money with because the NCAA is not going to give us another bid."

Canterbury said 18 conference games is too much wear and tear on the players.

"It's going to be an endurance test," Canterbury said. "Depth is going to play a key part. You just have to pray you don't have any key injuries."

"Especially as spread out as our league is, the traveling can get to you. That's why I think Stetson and San Antonio will have a tough time this year."

At Stetson, Coach Glenn Wilkes is entering his 30th season. With the recent retirements of Houston's Guy Lewis and Grambling State's Fred Hobdy, Wilkes has been at one school longer than any other active head coach.

All five starters return for the Hatters, including forward Randy Anderson. The team is young but experienced.

First-year Coach Ken Burmeister will guide Texas-San Antonio in its first TAAC campaign. He will be counting on forward Calvin Haynes to lead the Roadrunners.

Houston Baptist may have the league's top guard combination with long-range bomber Arthur Walton and slick passer Fred Goporo, the league's assists leader. Forward Bruno Kongawoin is Coach Tommy Innes' best man up front.

Mercer counters with a tough front line led by All-TAAC center Chris Moore, who averaged 16.2 points and 8.9 rebounds per game a year ago. Guard Elston Harris will be missed, but Pete Geter is solid in the backcourt.

Hardin-Simmons lost four starters, making way for several recruits to fill the gaps around guard Edwin Haynes. Samford is in the same predicament, although more veterans are on hand to help out swingman Rembert Martin. Georgia



Stetson forward Randy Anderson should keep the Hatters in title contention.

Southern forward Brian Newton is a good all-around player and one of the Eagles' four returning regulars. With All-TAAC forward Albert (Bobo) Thomas gone, Centenary guard Gene Vandenlangenberg, the TAAC Newcomer of the Year, will have more responsibility.

"He plays as tough as his name," Canterbury said. ■

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Ark.-Little Rock (Trojans)

Coach, Mike Newell (40-24, 2 years)
Starters Lost (3): Michael Clarke, F (12.3 ppg, 10 rpg, 54.3 FG%), Myron Jackson, G (18.4 ppg, 4 rpg), Pete Myers, F (19.2 ppg, 7.9 rpg, 53.3 FG%).
Others Lost: Ken Worthy, G (6.4 ppg, 4.9 rpg)
Starters Returning (2): Paris McCurdy, F, 6-7/Soph. (5.7 ppg, 4.5 rpg), Paul Springer, G, 6-1/Soph. (4.5 ppg, 6.9 rpg)
Other Returnees: Keith Campbell, G, 6-3/Soph.; Robert Chase, G, 6-4/Jr. (2.8 ppg); Michael Covington, C, 6-9/Jr. (5.4 ppg, 3.4 rpg); Daron Huges, C, 6-9/Soph. (RS); Curtis Kidd, F, 6-8/Soph. (4.1 ppg, 2.8 rpg); Eddie Powell, F, 6-5/Sr. (Dean Savorn, G 6-3 Soph. Reggie Smith, C 6-8/Sr. (4.9 ppg, 3 rpg)
Newcomers: June Brown, G 5-10/Soph. (JC) Jeff Cummins, C 6-10 240/Soph. James Dawn, F, 6-5/Jr. (JC) Andy Walker, G-F 6-5/Jr. (RS/track); Darrell Watson, G, 6-4/Jr. (JC)
 1985-86 Record: 23-11; TAAC, 12-2/1st

1986-87 Schedule

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|--------------------------|-----|----------------------|-----|
| Hawaii Pacific Inv. | N27 | Mercer | J17 |
| At Sam Houston State | D6 | Georgia Southern | J22 |
| Sec. Midwest "A" Baptist | D9 | Stetson | J24 |
| TCBY Tip-Off Tour | D12 | At Houston Baptist | J29 |
| Houston Baptist | D18 | At Centenary | J31 |
| Centenary | D20 | At Loyola of Chicago | F4 |
| At Middle Tennessee | D22 | At Samford | F7 |
| TCBY Classic | D29 | Texas-San Antonio* | F12 |
| Sacramento State | J2 | Hardin-Simmons* | F14 |
| Samford | J5 | At Georgia State | F19 |
| At Texas-San Antonio | J8 | At Mercer | F21 |
| At Hardin-Simmons | J10 | At Georgia Southern | F28 |
| Georgia State | J15 | At Stetson | F29 |

*Pine Bluff, Ark.

Centenary (Gentlemen)

Coach: Tommy Canterbury (111-134, 9 years)
Starters Lost (2): Randall Davis, C (6.1 ppg, 4.6 rpg), Albert (Bobol) Thomas, F (16.9 ppg, 8.6 rpg, 63.2 FG %).
Others Lost: Troy Sewell, G (16 ppg, 2.9 rpg)
Starters Returning (3): Andrew Dewberry, G, 6-3/Sr. (8.6 ppg), Fred McNealey, F, 6-5/Soph. (9.7 ppg, 5.6 rpg, 50.4 FG%), Gene Vandenlangenberg, G, 6-0/Sr. (14.7 ppg, 2.3 rpg, 4.2 apg, 1.9 spg)
Other Returnees: Maurice Barr, F, 6-5/Jr. (5.4 ppg), Michael Butler, G, 6-0/Jr. (Blanton Hill, G, 6-0/Sr. (6.3 ppg); Rodney Martin, G-F, 6-4/Soph. (3.2 ppg), Eric Padgett, F, 6-5/Jr., Pete Scalia, G, 6-4/Soph.
Newcomers: Cadric Ellis, G, 6-0/Jr. (JC) Marro Hawkins, F, 6-6/Fr.; Vernell Kemp, F-C, 6-8/Jr. (JC) Keenan Roberts, G, 6-6/Jr. (JC), Jeff Sink, C, 6-7/Fr.
1985-86 Record: 13-17, TAAC 6-8/T5th
Site: Shreveport, La.

1986-87 Schedule

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|--------------------------|-----|--------------------------|-----|
| At South Alabama | N28 | At Georgia Southern | J17 |
| Northwestern (La.) State | D1 | Arkansas Baptist | J21 |
| Concordia (Tex.) | D3 | At Houston Baptist | J24 |
| Sie son | D6 | Samford | J29 |
| At Stephen F. Austin | D8 | Arkansas Little Rock | J31 |
| Henderson (Ark.) State | D13 | At Hardin-Simmons | F5 |
| At Samford | D18 | At Texas-San Antonio | F7 |
| At Arkansas-Little Rock | D20 | At Northwestern (La.) St | F9 |
| Hardin-Simmons | J3 | Mercer | F12 |
| Texas San Antonio | J5 | Georgia State | F14 |
| At Mercer | J8 | East Texas Baptist | F16 |
| At Georgia State | J10 | Georgia Southern | F21 |
| At Stetson | J15 | Houston Baptist | F28 |

Bold face denotes conference-leading totals.

Georgia Southern (Eagles)

Coach: Frank Kerns (87-55, 5 years)
Starters Lost (1): Ben Bailey, F (9.5 ppg, 4.4 rpg, 91.4 FT %).
Starters Returning (4): Anthony Forrest, G, 6-3/Jr. (8 ppg, 4.6 rpg, 3 apg); Brian Newton, F, 6-7/Sr. (14.7 ppg, 5 rpg, 56.1 FG%), Jeff Sanders, C, 6-8/Soph. (9.6 ppg, 6.4 rpg, 54.9 FG%), Michael Stokes, G, 6-1/Jr. (6.6 ppg, 2.1 rpg, 4.4 apg).
Other Returnees: Tony Graves, F, 6-7/Sr. (3.2 ppg), Phil Hoke, G, 6-3/Jr. (3.1 ppg), Willis Holliday, G-F, 6-4/Sr. (8.1 ppg, 3.1 rpg, 53.5 FG%), Fred Jones, F, C, 6-9/Sr. (8.2 ppg, 4.7 rpg), Byron Mack, G, 6-3/Sr. (2.9 ppg), Mark Votik, G, 6-3/Soph.
Newcomers: Mike Curry, F, 6-5/Fr., Kennedy Dixon, F, 6-5/Soph. (transfer/Augusta), Derkie Leach, G, 6-1/Fr., Todd Miller, F-C, 6-8/Fr.; George Murray, F, 6-4/Fr.
1985-86 Record: 15-13; TAAC 6-8/T5th.
Site: Statesboro, Ga.

1986-87 Schedule

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|-------------------------|-----|-------------------------|-----|
| Fort Valley (Ga.) State | N28 | At Arkansas-Little Rock | J22 |
| Coca-Cola Invitational | D5 | At Samford | J24 |
| Savannah (Ga.) State | D9 | Texas San Antonio | J29 |
| Augusta | D13 | Hardin-Simmons | J31 |
| At Hardin-Simmons | D18 | Georgia State | F5 |
| At Texas San Antonio | D19 | Mercer | F7 |
| At Augusta | D22 | At Stetson | F12 |
| Blade Classic | D29 | At Central Florida | F14 |
| At Georgia State | J3 | At Houston Baptist | F19 |
| At Mercer | J5 | At Centenary | F21 |
| Stetson | J10 | Arkansas-Little Rock | F26 |
| Houston Baptist | J15 | Samford | F28 |
| Centenary | J17 | | |

Georgia State (Panthers)

Coach: Bob Reinhart (10-18, 1 year)
Starters Lost (4): James Andrews, G, 6-3/Soph. (11.8 ppg, 3.9 rpg, RS/grades), Ricky Coulter, C (11.6 ppg, 7.5 rpg), Dewey Haley, G (13.9 ppg, 3.3 rpg, 8.2 apg), Chavalo Holmes, F (13.9 ppg, 6.2 rpg).
Others Lost: Dwayne Anderson, C (3.9 ppg, left school), Joe Brus, C (3.3 rpg), Jeff Jackson, F (transfer/Kennesaw); Tony Wright, F (4.2 ppg, dismissed).
Starters Returning (1): Kevin Davis, F, 6-5/Soph. (7.8 ppg, 7.1 rpg).
Other Returnees: Steve Fanning, G, 6-3/Soph.; Bill Fimbach, G, 6-2/Sr. (7.2 ppg, 2.6 rpg), Paul Norris, F, 6-7/Sr. (RS/anauryism).
Newcomers: Harlan Graham, F, 6-5/Soph. (transfer/Clemson); Deryl Gresham, G, 6-4/Jr. (transfer/Florida), Melvin Howard, G, 6-1/Sr. (transfer/Ga.), Efram Jackson, C, 6-9/Sr. (transfer/Georgia), Rodney Turner, F, 6-5, 240/Jr. (Auburn, JC).
1985-86 Record: 10-18, TAAC 4-10/8th.
Site: Atlanta.

1986-87 Schedule

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|-------------------------|-----|----------------------|-----|
| IPTAY Tournament | N28 | Texas San Antonio | J22 |
| Morris Brown (Ga.) | D8 | Hardin-Simmons | J24 |
| Cotton States Classic | D13 | Mercer | J31 |
| Kennesaw (Ga.) | D16 | At Georgia Tech | F3 |
| At Mercer | D18 | At Georgia Southern | F5 |
| Georgia College | D20 | At Stetson | F9 |
| Piedmont (Ga.) | D30 | At Houston Baptist | F12 |
| Georgia Southern | J3 | At Centenary | F14 |
| Stetson | J5 | Arkansas-Little Rock | F19 |
| Houston Baptist | J8 | Samford | F21 |
| Centenary | J10 | At Texas-San Antonio | F26 |
| At Arkansas-Little Rock | J15 | At Hardin-Simmons | F28 |
| At Samford | J17 | | |

Hardin-Simmons (Cowboys)

Coach: Dick Danford (35-52, 3 years)
Starters Lost (4): Ricky Henry, F (11.8 ppg, 4.8 rpg, RS after leaving team); Luis Phelps, C (10.3 ppg, 6.3 rpg), Craig Sladek, F (9.5 ppg, 5.3 rpg, 52.8 FG%); Greg Way, F (15.7 ppg, 6 rpg).
Others Lost: Phil Gates, F-C (5.3 ppg, 4.3 rpg); Alex Harris, G-F (3.7 ppg).
Starters Returning (1): Edwin Haynes, G, 6-0/Sr. (10.4 ppg, 2.2 rpg, 5.1 apg).
Other Returnees: Mike Chitty, F, 6-7/Soph., Sedrick Evans, G, 6-0/Soph. (4.8 ppg); Derrick Formby, C, 6-8/Soph.; Vince Langston, F, 6-5/Jr. (3.3 ppg, 3.6 rpg).
Newcomers: Eric Adams, G, 6-5/Jr. (JC); Tyrone Muldrow, F, 6-6/Jr. (JC); Rick Nickerson, G, 6-3/Fr. Odell Tidwell, F, 6-8/Jr. (JC); Terry Whitchee, G-F 6-4/Fr., Terry Yancey, G, 6-3/Jr. (JC).
1985-86 Record: 15-13; TAAC 7-7/T3rd
Site: Abilene, Tex.

1986-87 Schedule

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|-----------------------|-----|-------------------------|-----|
| Dallas Baptist | D1 | At Mercer | J22 |
| Tip-Off Classic | D5 | At Georgia State | J24 |
| At Southern Methodist | D10 | At Stetson | J29 |
| Wyoming | D13 | At Georgia Southern | J31 |
| Georgia Southern | D16 | Centenary | F5 |
| LSU Invitational | D19 | Houston Baptist | F7 |
| At Centenary | J3 | At Samford | F12 |
| At Houston Baptist | J6 | At Arkansas-Little Rock | F14 |
| Sanford | J8 | Stetson | F16 |
| Arkansas-Little Rock | J10 | At Texas San Antonio | F21 |
| At Southwest Texas | J12 | Mercer | F26 |
| Texas-San Antonio | J17 | Georgia State | F28 |
| Eastern New Mexico | J20 | | |

Houston Baptist (Huskies)

Coach: Tommy Jones (14-14, 1 year)
Starters Lost (1): Ellington Wilkins, C (6.4 ppg, 6.4 rpg).
Starters Returning (4): Fred Goporo, G, 5-10/Sr. (13 ppg, 2.2 rpg, 7.2 apg), Bruno Kongawoin, F, 6-8/Sr. (10.3 ppg, 9.4 rpg), Mike Martin, F, 6-5/Sr. (7 ppg, 5 rpg), Arthur Walton, G, 6-2/Sr. (15.4 ppg, 3 rpg).
Other Returnees: George Christopher, F, 6-6/Soph. (3.8 ppg, 3.2 rpg), Arthur Godeau, G-F, 6-3/Sr. (11 ppg, 4.6 rpg, 77.5 FT %); Keith Jordan, C, 6-9/Soph. (3.4 ppg, 4.5 rpg); George Negron, G-F, 6-5/Soph.
Newcomers: Omar Sierra, F-C, 6-10/Fr. (RS from Colombia); Edward Williams, C, 6-8/Fr. (from Colombia); Fred Young, F, 6-5/Fr.
1985-86 Record: 14-14, TAAC 7-7/T3rd.
Site: Houston.

1986-87 Schedule

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|--------------------------|-----|----------------------|-----|
| Southern California Col. | N29 | At Stetson | J17 |
| Houston-Tillotson (Tex.) | D2 | Centenary | J24 |
| McNeese State | D6 | Stetson | J26 |
| At Montana State | D9 | Arkansas-Little Rock | J29 |
| Champion Holiday Cl. | D12 | Samford | J31 |
| At Arkansas-Little Rock | D18 | At Texas San Antonio | F5 |
| At Samford | D20 | At Hardin-Simmons | F7 |
| Southwestern (Kan.) Col. | D29 | Georgia State | F12 |
| Texas-San Antonio | J3 | Mercer | F14 |
| Hardin-Simmons | J5 | Par American | F16 |
| At Georgia State | J8 | Georgia Southern | F19 |
| At Mercer | J10 | At Nicholls State | F21 |
| At Georgia Southern | J15 | At Centenary | F28 |

Mercer (Bears)

Coach: Bill Bibb (181-150, 12 years)
Starters Lost (1): Eston Harris, G (9.5 ppg, 2.8 rpg, 6.4 apg, 2.3 spg).
Others Lost: Otis Hultuway, G, 6-3/Soph. (4.3 ppg, 2 rpg, transfer/JC); William Jones, F, 6-7/Soph. (transfer Edison CC).
Starters Returning (4): Greg Davis, F, 6-7/Sr. (9 ppg, 3.7 rpg), Pete Geter, G, 6-4/Sr. (14.1 ppg, 4.7 rpg), Eric Jackson, F, 6-6/Soph. (4.9 ppg, 6.3 rpg), Chris Moore, C, 6-9/Sr. (16.2 ppg, 8.9 rpg).
Other Returnees: Everett Callaway, G, 6-3/Soph. (3.3 ppg); Wilfred Louigne, F, 6-6/Sr. (3.8 ppg, 2.3 rpg); Tracy Vaughn, C, 6-8/Soph. (2.3 ppg).
Newcomers: Scott Bailey, C, 6-8/Fr., Mark Farnell, G, 6-4/Jr. (JC), Tim Holloway, F, 6-7/Fr.; J.W. Nafel, G, 6-4/Fr.; John Rogers, F, 6-7/Jr. (JC); Dwayne Taylor, G, 6-4/Jr. (JC) Ben Wilson, G-F, 6-5/Jr. (JC).
1985-86 Record: 15-14, TAAC 6-8/T5th.
Site: Macon, Ga.

1986-87 Schedule

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|----------------------|-----|----------------------|-----|
| UNC Greensboro | N29 | Hardin-Simmons | J22 |
| At Bethune Cookman | D5 | Texas San Antonio | J24 |
| Wendy's Classic | D6 | Augusta (Ga.) | J26 |
| At Augusta (Ga.) | D10 | At Georgia State | J31 |
| Bethune Cookman | D13 | At South Florida | F2 |
| Florida Tech | D18 | At Stetson | F4 |
| Georgia State | D16 | At Georgia Southern | F7 |
| Stetson | J3 | At Centenary | F12 |
| Georgia Southern | J5 | At Houston Baptist | F14 |
| Centenary | J8 | Samford | F19 |
| Houston Baptist | J10 | Arkansas-Little Rock | F21 |
| At Samford | J15 | At Hardin-Simmons | F26 |
| Arkansas-Little Rock | J17 | At Texas San Antonio | F28 |

Samford (Bulldogs)

Coach: Mel Hankinson (34-25, 2 years)
Starters Lost (4): Floyd Calhoun, G (16 ppg, 2.3 rpg, 3.1 apg), Ed Carroll, F-C (12.6 ppg, 5.9 rpg, 2.1 spg, 50.2 FG%), George Green, F (10.3 ppg, 6.8 rpg), Darryl Hagler, G (14.4 ppg, 4.1 rpg).
Others Lost: Curtis Addison, F, Joe Bomba, F.
Starters Returning (1): Rembert Martin, G-F, 6-3/Jr. (14.9 ppg, 4.1 rpg, 78.5 FT %).
Other Returnees: Kurt Close, G, 6-0/Soph., Joey Coe, G, 6-3/Soph. (4.5 ppg); Stephen Fleming, G, 6-2/Soph., Darron Hurst, G, 6-0/Jr., Kenneth Hutchinson, F, 6-5/Soph. (3.7 ppg, 2.7 rpg); Jerry Osinski, F-C, 6-6/Sr., Darrel Thomas, F, 6-7/Soph.
Newcomers: Bennie Carter, G, 6-3/Fr., Arnold Hamilton, G, 6-2/Soph. (transfer/South Alabama); William Holley, F, 6-8/Fr.; Chris Hooks, G, 6-6/Fr.; Stanley Wormley, F-C, 6-8/Fr.
1985-86 Record: 16-13 TAAC 8-6/2nd.
Site: Birmingham, Ala.

1986-87 Schedule

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|-------------------------|-----|--------------------------|-----|
| Tennessee State | N28 | Covenant College (Tenn.) | J26 |
| At Eastern Kentucky | D1 | At Centenary | J29 |
| Western Kentucky | D13 | At Houston Baptist | J31 |
| Centenary | D18 | At Texas Arlington | F2 |
| Houston Baptist | D20 | Arkansas-Little Rock | F7 |
| UT Chattanooga Cl. | D25 | Hardin-Simmons | F12 |
| At Arkansas-Little Rock | J3 | Texas San Antonio | F14 |
| At Hardin-Simmons | J8 | At Mercer | F19 |
| At Texas San Antonio | J10 | At Georgia State | F21 |
| Mercer | J15 | Tuskegee (Ala.) | F23 |
| Georgia State | J17 | At Stetson | F26 |
| Stetson | J22 | At Georgia Southern | F28 |
| Georgia Southern | J24 | | |

Stetson (Hatters)

Coach: Glenn Wilkes (449-331, 29 years)
Starters Lost: None
Others Lost: Jay Daniels, F (4.8 ppg), Greg Hinman, F, Robert Rowe, G, 6-1/Jr. (3.8 ppg, transfer), Rodney Williams, F.
Starters Returning (5): Randy Anderson, F, 6-6/Soph. (13.6 ppg, 9 rpg, 2 ppg, 52.3 FG%), Gary Coachman, F, 6-8/Sr. (7.7 ppg, 3.3 rpg, 51.9 FG%), Terry Johnson, G, 6-0/Soph. (9 ppg, 4.1 apg), Jimmy Kuhl, C, 6-8/Soph. (9 ppg, 5.5 rpg), Charles Stevenson, G, 6-3/Sr. (13.6 ppg, 3.9 rpg).
Other Returnees: Eric Cumbie, F, 6-5/Soph. (6.5 ppg, 4.8 rpg); Danny Lucas, G, 6-2/Sr. (returning to school); Andrew Woodward, C, 6-8/Jr. (2.1 ppg).
Newcomers: Mike Barnett, G, 6-3/Jr. (JC), Rob Bassett, G, 6-3/Fr.; Martin Jenkins, F, 6-6/Jr. (JC/RS); Edgar White, G, 6-3/Fr. (JC).
1985-86 Record: 10-18 as an independent
Site: Deland, Fla.

1986-87 Schedule

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|-------------------------|-----|-----------------------|-----|
| Purdue | N28 | At Houston Baptist | J26 |
| Florida | D | Hardin-Simmons | J29 |
| At North Carolina | D3 | Texas San Antonio | J31 |
| At Centenary | D6 | At Duke | F2 |
| Cincinnati | D16 | Merquette | F4 |
| Hawaiian Tropic Classic | D19 | At Marquette | F7 |
| At Mercer | J3 | Georgia State | F9 |
| At Georgia State | J5 | Georgia Southern | F12 |
| At Georgia Southern | J10 | At Hardin-Simmons | F16 |
| At Florida State | J12 | At Texas San Antonio | F17 |
| Centenary | J15 | At Chaminade (Hawaii) | F21 |
| Houston Baptist | J17 | Samford | F26 |
| At Samford | J22 | Arkansas-Little Rock | F28 |
| Arkansas-Little Rock | J24 | | |

UT-San Antonio (Bulldozers)

Coach: Ken Burmeister (first year at UTSA)
Starters Lost (1): Tyrone Harbin, F (9.2 ppg, 5.6 rpg, 50.9 FG %).
Others Lost: Tom Carter, C, 6-8/Soph. (2.1 ppg, transfer/Mineral Area JC); Roger Durden, F (3.5 ppg, 3.1 rpg, quit team), Chuck Johnson, F (4.8 ppg), Gary Payne, G, 6-9/Sr. (4.1 ppg, quit team); Tyrone Thigpen, F, 6-6/Jr. (4.5 ppg, transfer).
Starters Returning (4): Calvin Haynes, F, 6-5/Sr. (15.3 ppg, 6.4 rpg); Gary Heyland, G, 6-4/Sr. (4.1 ppg), Dion Pettus, F, 6-4/Soph. (17.8 ppg, 2.9 rpg); Anthony Stewart, G, 6-1/Jr. (11.4 ppg, 2 rpg).
Other Returnees: Joe Baker, F, 6-8/Soph. (3.3 ppg, 3.2 rpg); Tim Faulkner, C, 6-9/Soph. (4.2 ppg, 2.8 rpg); Kevin Morris, F, 6-8/Sr.
Newcomers: Todd Barnes, G, 5-11/Jr. (JC), Mike Bragg, F, 6-7/Jr. (JC); Frank Hampton, F, 6-4/Jr. (JC); Tim Knowles, F, 6-7/Fr., Tony Penzica, F, 6-6/Fr., Issy Washington, G, 6-2/Fr.
1985-86 Record: 7-24 as an independent.

1986-87 Schedule

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|-------------------------|-----|-------------------------|-----|
| Jarvis Christian (Tex.) | N29 | At Mercer | J24 |
| Texas Arlington | D3 | St. Mary's (Tex.) | J26 |
| Rice Tournament | D6 | At Georgia Southern | J29 |
| Running Joe Classic | D12 | At Stetson | J31 |
| Georgia Southern | D18 | Houston Baptist | F5 |
| Blavie | D20 | Centenary | F7 |
| At Houston Baptist | J3 | At Arkansas-Little Rock | F12 |
| At Centenary | J5 | At Samford | F14 |
| Arkansas-Little Rock | J8 | Stetson | F17 |
| Samford | J10 | Hardin-Simmons | F21 |
| At Texas Arlington | J12 | Georgia State | F26 |
| At Hardin-Simmons | J17 | Mercer | F28 |
| At Georgia State | J22 | | |

Howard Figures to Challenge A&T's Mid-Eastern Domination

By TOM NORTHINGTON

The situation might be better if a Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference team could win one, just one, NCAA Tournament game. But no MEAC team ever has, and as a result, the league's recruiting suffers.

North Carolina A&T Coach Don Corbett is well aware of that. His Aggies have won five consecutive league tournaments and five of the last six regular-season crowns, yet high school stars still aren't beating down his office door to sign a letter-of-intent.

"I don't think anybody works harder at recruiting than we do," Corbett said, "but TV exposure in the playoffs has not helped us at all. It's frustrating at times to see players who could help our team go elsewhere and sit on the bench.

"They would rather be a little fish in a big pond than come to A&T, where they could make an immediate impact. That's something we have to live with. But I'm proud of our team and its accomplishments."

The Aggies, one of only two MEAC teams that finished above .500 (22-8) last year, have won the league's automatic bid to the NCAA playoffs in each of the last five years. Their domination of the league should continue as every player from last year's team returns.

All-MEAC performers George Cale and Claude Williams, along with guard Thomas Griffis, form a strong nucleus. Cale, the only senior, is a pure shooter (14.8 points per game) at a wing position. Williams, a strong rebounder (7.7 per game), provides inside muscle.

The brains of the team is Griffis, a 5-foot-8 junior guard who makes the Aggie offense click. "We couldn't do without him," Corbett said.

Forwards Lee Robinson and outside shooting threat Carlton Becton round out the starting lineup. Guard Corvin Davis and center Kenny Cox are valuable reserves.

Corbett said he expects Howard, which returns four starters, to be "just as tough as ever, maybe more so with a couple of big redshirts joining them."

For Howard (19-10) to improve, the Bison need stronger efforts from center Derek Caracciolo, forward Robert McIlwaine and guard Fred Hill.

"We've got to have a big year out of Hill," Coach A.B. Williamson said, "and a lot of help from two other guards, William Stuart and George Hamilton. McIlwaine needs to stay healthy and experience a solid year at power forward. Caracciolo is a veteran now who must play up to his capability."

Williamson is hoping that Creighton transfer Landreth Baugh, a 6-8 center, and 6-8 Auburn transfer Howard Spencer will force the veterans to play better.



Claude Williams provides the muscle for Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference favorite North Carolina A&T.

"We're physically strong and talented, and it's up to me to get them to respond," Williamson said.

Lurking in the background and trying to establish respect is South Carolina State (10-18). Coach Chico Caldwell "has been signing some pretty good players down there, including those 7-footers, who're going to give us problems someday," Williamson said.

"Those 7-footers" are sophomore George Paulk and junior college transfer John Bell. Caldwell said Bell, who actually is 6-11, is "a leaper and a shot-blocker and probably more advanced than Paulk."

Caldwell will be counting on All-MEAC forward Mack Joyner for leadership, scoring (17.7 average) and rebounding (8.4). Joyner has a strong supporting cast in

forward Rodney Mack and guards Bernard Bowman and David Walker.

Bethune-Cookman Coach Cy McClair lost the MEAC Player of the Year in Donald Hill, and there's no replacement in sight for the Wildcats (7-22). "Overall, we'll be small but competitive," he said. Swingmen David Howard and John Williams are his top players.

Terrance Ball, a 6-7 forward, is Delaware State's brightest star. But Coach Marshall Emery, whose disciplinary measures thinned out the Hornets (11-17), has some rebuilding to do. His biggest loss was high-scoring forward Bernard Campbell.

At Maryland-Eastern Shore, former Florida State assistant Steve Williams succeeded Howie Evans and will depend on forwards Marvin Blye and Derek Robinson to help the Hawks (5-22) turn things around.

Another school with a new coach is Coppin State (10-17), where John Bates was replaced by Ron (Fang) Mitchell. Though his Eagles are not yet eligible for the MEAC title, Mitchell inherits some good seniors such as forward Earl Lee and guard Steve Miller.

After watching the Bears (7-20) lose too many inside battles, Morgan State Coach Nat Frazier decided to recruit some size. He landed 6-9 freshman Curtis Wise and junior college transfers George McDowell (6-7) and Gary Kottrewas (6-6). ■

Big South Chase Looks Wide Open

By DOUG MEAD

The Big South Conference will be playing its first season with the big boys of the collegiate ranks, now that all its members are, finally, aligned with the big boys.

The Big South actually operated as a league last season, but only four of the schools (Campbell, Radford, Augusta and Baptist) were Division I. With Armstrong State, UNC Asheville, Winthrop and Coastal Carolina now promoted from Division II, the Big South is hoping for an at-large postseason bid for either their regular-season champion or the winner of the league tournament. The Big South won't be receiving an automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament for a few years yet.

The conference race appears to be wide open, with several of the stronger teams from last year facing rebuilding seasons and the weaker teams expecting to be drastically improved. Among them is Coastal Carolina (S.C.), which went 10-17 last year but finished strong with a young squad. All 12 lettermen are back, so the Chanticleers could be the team to beat.

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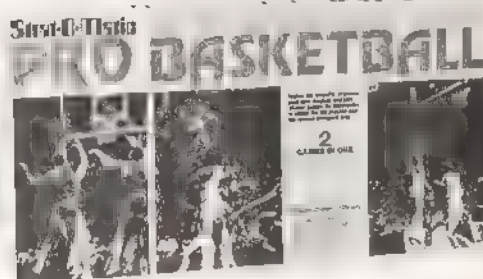
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South Carolina State looks to Mack Joyner for scoring, rebounding and leadership.

Guards Ricky Rutherford and Greg Moody and All-Big South forward William Calvin will lead Coach Russ Bergman's balanced attack. Forward Richard Scantlebury and center Doug Bell complete the starting lineup. Guard Dave Mooney, an excellent outside shooter, provides depth.

Augusta (Ga.) was another young team that should benefit from the experience its young players gained last season. Four starters return for first-year Coach Neal Cody and the future looks bright.

All-Big South center Eric Juratic and guards Tyrone Gross, Vincent Jackson and Jeff Hodson will lead the Jaguars (13-17). The likely starter at the fifth spot is forward Gerrard MacLeod, who missed much of last season with nagging injuries.

Campbell (N.C.) was one of the league's tough-luck teams a year ago. The Fighting Camels played a murderous schedule and lost several close games en route to the league's worst record (8-19).

But with the return of All-Big South

forward Clarence Grier, guard Larry Spencer and center Henry Wilson, the Camels should reverse many of those close scores. The backcourt will be further strengthened by contributions from such newcomers as sophomore Gary Elmore, a transfer from Pembroke State, and freshmen Steve Bruce and Brad Childress. Second-year Coach Billy Lee again will emphasize defense.

Baptist (S.C.) went 21-9 and won the league title last season but did not receive a National Invitation Tournament bid. The Buccaneers won't be thinking about postseason play this year, however, as they lost their entire front line. Coach Tommy Gaither went to the junior college ranks in pursuit of help. The backcourt is set, though, with all-conference pick Ben Hinson (19.7 points per game) and point guard Tony Fairley.

UNC Asheville has only one starter back from last season's 20-9 team, guard Van Wilkins, the team's top scorer and a

good defender. Wilkins will be joined in the Bulldog backcourt by Randy Shepherd, a former starter who missed all of last season with a head injury. But Coach Jerry Green's front line is weak.

Radford (Va.) will try to rebound from a disappointing 11-17 season, the school's first losing record ever. Coach Joe Davis will rebuild the Highlanders around swingman Tim Penn and point guard Rod Cousin. Such newcomers as center Trent Johnson, a Central Florida transfer, and forward Donnell Howard, a junior college recruit, should help.

Winthrop (S.C.) has a new coach, former Duke standout Steve Vacendak, and a bleak outlook. The Eagles return only one starter, forward Ted Houpt, from last year's 20-9 squad. The only other returnee who saw a significant amount of playing time last season was sophomore center Everett Sesker.

At Armstrong State (Ga.), Coach Renny Bryner will count on swingman Donald Johnson and center Tim Sellers to provide leadership for a strong group of newcomers. The Pirates (15-12) face a tough early schedule, with four games in four days against Middle Tennessee State, UT-Chattanooga, Georgia and Auburn.

Welcome to Division I ■

South Independents

Anyone who saw Phil Carter traveling to work last winter got a firsthand look at the bleakness of the financial situation at **Central Florida**. When no Orlando-area auto dealer provided the first-year coach with a loaner car—a customary courtesy extended to most college coaches—Carter was forced to accept the next-best thing. A loaner bike.

So, Carter pedaled his way around campus as the Knights won only six of 28 games. Carter's transportation situation has since been rectified, and Central Florida fans now are hoping that the Knights' losing ways similarly will become an embarrassing memory.

Four starters return for the Knights, with center Tony Marini and guard Faronte Roberson expected to provide most of the scoring. Carter also brought in four recruits who should help, although his prize catch, Jimmy McCrimmon, failed to gain admission and enrolled at another school.

Coach Willie Booker also has back four regulars at **Florida A&M**, which went 12-16 last season. Long-range bombers Aldwin Ware and Robert Smith give the Rattlers a strong backcourt, while forward Timothy Daniels is promising up front. Ware ranked 10th in the nation with 2.8 steals per game a year ago. ■

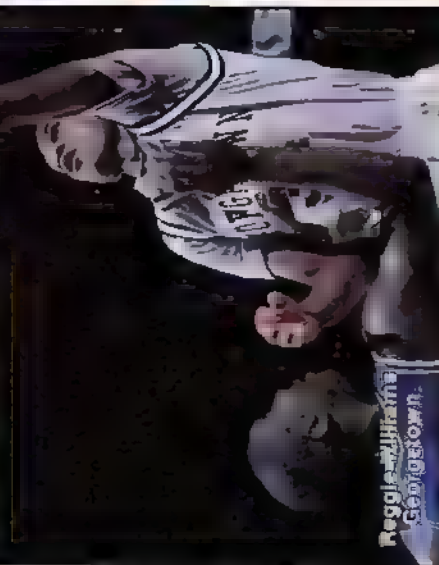
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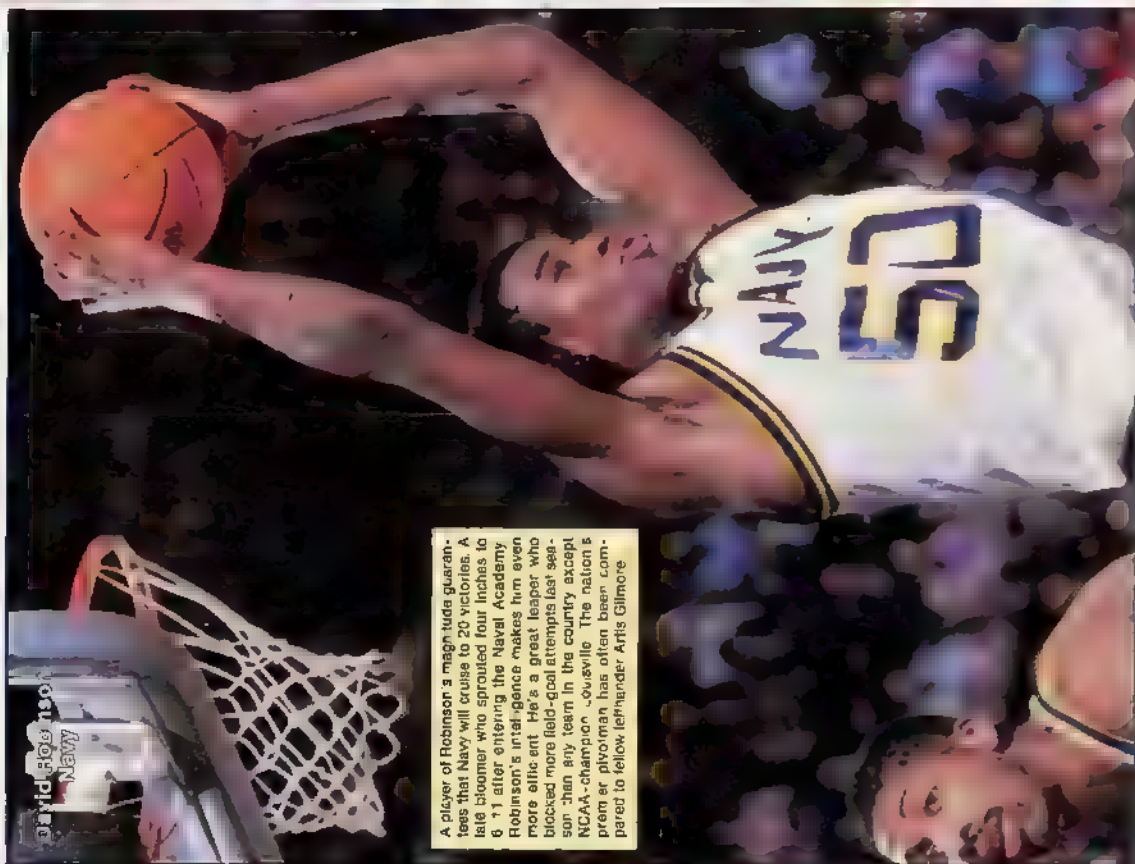
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ALL-AMERICA TEAM

He reminds observers of NBA star George Gervin because of his uncanny ability to twist and turn his frame to make shots. Beyond his assortment of seemingly infinite moves and shots, Williams rebounds with uncommon ferocity for a player his size (6-7, 185 pounds). Still, his most impressive attribute may be durability and consistency.

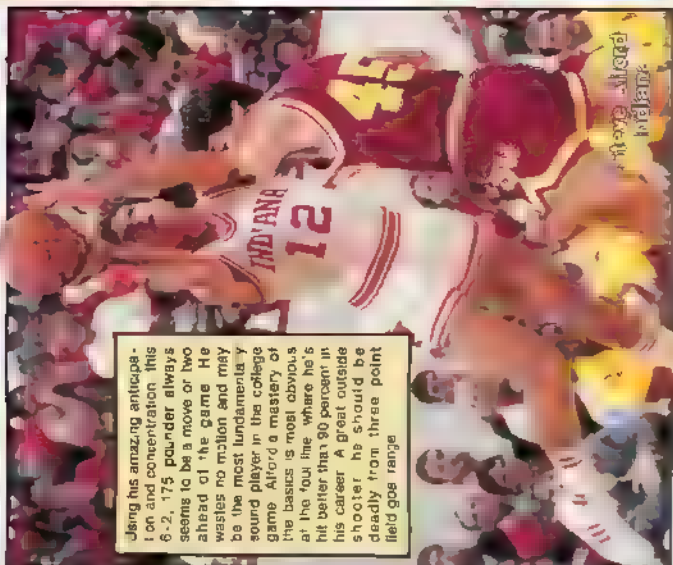


Reggie Williams
Georgetown



A player of Robinson's magnitude guarantees that Navy will cruise to 20 victories. A laid bloomer who sprouted four inches to 6'11" after entering the Naval Academy, Robinson's intelligence makes him even more efficient. He's a great leaper who blocked more field-goal attempts last season than any team in the country except NCAA-champion Louisville. The nation's premier pivotman has often been compared to fellow left-hander Artis Gilmore.

David Robinson
Navy



Larry Bird
Indiana

Judging his amazing anticipation and concentration, this 6-2, 175-pounder always seems to be a move or two ahead of the game. He wastes no motion and may be the most fundamentally sound player in the college game. Afford a mastery of the basics is most obvious at the foul line, where he's hit better than 90 percent in his career. A great outside shooter, he should be deadly from three-point field goal range.

Basketball fans who like well-rounded players are entranced with the multi-faceted talents of this mobile 6'11", 205-pounder. He's a super shooter for a big man, plays above average defense, rebounds well and even can make the good pass. Manning could be the nation's most dominant player and live up to his billing as the next Magic Johnson if he becomes more assertive.

Donny Manning
Kansas

For the self-effacing role of playmaker, the 6-3, 175-pound Smith has one of the finest profiles in the nation. Proving that you don't have to be a prolific scorer to earn All-America laurels, the mercurial Smith is the catalyst for North Carolina's smooth-running machine. He combines with Jew Lebo to give the Tar Heels one of the best backcourts in the country.

Jean Smith
North Carolina

INDIANA

1



Guard Steve Alford



Coach Bob Knight



Forward Daryl Thomas



Forward Ricky Calloway

PRESEASON

1 INDIANA:

The balance of power

seems to be swinging to the Big Ten. Consequently, Indiana is the dream of the Big Ten crop, then the Hoosiers could be the class of the country. Love him or despise him, no coach extracts more from his troops than Bob Knight. He is a real significant coach but one from just a couple of years ago. Keith Smart to remain on the same plateau, with North Carolina and Louisville.

2 NORTH CAROLINA:

No appraisal of the team would be complete without the Tar Heels. J.R. Reid, trumpeted as the nation's dominant freshman, could be the key to it, makes an immediate impact. The one deficiency on Coach Dean Smith's squad is that only one player, Kenny Smith, has averaged more than 10 points in a college season.

3 LOUISVILLE:

The loss of three starters from a national championship team would cripple most programs, but the potentially overpowering Cardinals have enough reinforcements to compensate. A rigorous non-league schedule will have Louisville toughened by tournament time.

4 OKLAHOMA:

It will be business as usual for the Sooners, who are proficient at fighting up scoreboards. However, Coach Billy Tubbs' raucous outfit also is capable of letting opponents score at will.

5 PURDUE:

The Boilermakers return a strong nucleus. Their stable of thoroughbreds includes explosive Troy Lewis, a perimeter shooter who may be ready to emerge as one of the country's top scorers.

6 KENTUCKY:

You might expect the Wildcats to wither without high-flying Kenny Walker. But that won't happen, especially after a summer sojourn to Japan helped them iron out some wrinkles.

7 NAVY:

The mere presence of dominating center David Robinson translates into success, sailing for the Midshipmen. Navy also has several other steady hands on deck.

8 IOWA:

On paper, this looks like one of the nation's counting-off acts. The Hawkeyes have plenty of offensive weapons, including budding All-American Roy Marble.

9 NEVADA-LAS VEGAS:

The Runnin' Rebels showcase enough talent to start a season. Jerry Turkkanen should remain the nation's winningest active coach as UNLV continues to do you the NCAA.

10 ILLINOIS:

The Illini will be younger and hungrier, featuring Ken Norman and outside aggressives Doug Auerberger and Tony Wale. Assistant coach, Alvin Berger has recovered from knee surgery.

11 PITTSBURGH:

For all their talk, the Panthers are the outdoor basketball guys, on the mark. However, new Coach Pat Evans is a task master who could harness Pitt's ability and add to the list.

By Dave Karger



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ALL-AMERICA CHECKLIST

SMALL FORWARDS

| Rank | Name | College | Rank | Name | College |
|------|------------------|--------------|------|----------------|-------------------|
| 1 | Reggie Williams | Georgetown | 11 | Todd Mitchell | Purdue |
| 2 | Fennis Dembo | Wyoming | 12 | Nel Kennedy | Virginia |
| 3 | Reggie Miller | JCLA | 13 | David Butler | California |
| 4 | Darryl Kennedy | Oklahoma | 14 | Ponnie Murphy | Jacksonville |
| 5 | Jeff Gray | Iowa State | 15 | Gay Elmore | Virginia Military |
| 6 | Duane Farrel | Georgia Tech | 16 | Roy Marble | Iowa |
| 7 | Herbert Crook | Louisville | 17 | Saan Elliott | Arizona |
| 8 | Ricky Calloway | Indiana | 18 | Vernon Maxwell | Florida |
| 9 | Reggie Lewis | Northeastern | 19 | Rickie Walslow | Houston |
| 10 | Derrick Chievous | Missouri | 20 | Kenny Sanders | George Mason |

POWER FORWARDS

| Rank | Name | College | Rank | Name | College |
|------|-----------------|----------------|------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1 | Danny Manning | Kansas | 11 | Tom Sheehy | Virginia |
| 2 | Pervis Ellison | Louisville | 12 | Willie Glass | St. John's |
| 3 | Tom Hammonds | Georgia Tech | 13 | Derrick Lewis | Maryland |
| 4 | Norris Coleman | Kansas State | 14 | Chris Morris | Auburn |
| 5 | Ken Norman | Illinois | 15 | Leonard Taylor | California |
| 6 | Armon Gilliam | Nev. Las Vegas | 16 | Kennard Johnson | Kentucky |
| 7 | Winston Bennett | Kentucky | 17 | Randy Allen | Florida State |
| 8 | David Boone | Marquette | 18 | Mike Gioni | N.C. State |
| 9 | Dallas Comegys | DePaul | 19 | Chris Sandia | Texas-El Paso |
| 10 | Greg Anderson | Houston | 20 | Cinton Ramsey | Cleveland State |

CENTERS

| Rank | Name | College | Rank | Name | College |
|------|----------------|----------------|------|---------------------|---------------|
| 1 | David Robinson | Navy | 11 | Eric Leckner | Wyoming |
| 2 | Charles Smith | Pitt | 12 | Andre Moore | Loyola (Ill.) |
| 3 | Rony Selkaly | Syracuse | 13 | Cinton Hinton | Oral Roberts |
| 4 | Joe Wolf | North Carolina | 14 | Sam Hill | Iowa State |
| 5 | Chris Welp | Washington | 15 | Jeff Moore | Auburn |
| 6 | Derrick McKey | Alabama | 16 | Gerry Wright | Iowa |
| 7 | Horace Grant | Clemson | 17 | Charles Shackelford | N.C. State |
| 8 | David Johnson | Oklahoma | 18 | Ivark Bryant | Seton Hall |
| 9 | Pik Smith | Marist (N.Y.) | 19 | Ed Young | Dayton |
| 10 | Matt Bullard | Colorado | 20 | Rodney Blake | St. Joseph's |

POINT GUARDS

| Rank | Name | College | Rank | Name | College |
|------|-------------------|----------------|------|------------------|-----------------|
| 1 | Kenny Smith | North Carolina | 11 | Grayson Marshall | Clemson |
| 2 | David Rivers | Notre Dame | 12 | Darryl Johnson | Michigan State |
| 3 | Mark Jackson | St. John's | 13 | Ed Davender | Kentucky |
| 4 | Tony White | Tennessee | 14 | Pooh Richardson | UC-A |
| 5 | Rodney Strickland | DePaul | 15 | Saan Gay | Texas Tech |
| 6 | Kevin Johnson | California | 16 | Nate Blackwell | Temple |
| 7 | Tommy Amaker | Duke | 17 | Ken McEdden | Cleveland State |
| 8 | Antoine Joubert | Michigan | 18 | Dana Barros | Boston College |
| 9 | Keith Gatlin | Maryland | 19 | Terry Comer | Alabama |
| 10 | Tyrone Bogues | Wake Forest | 20 | Gerald White | Auburn |

OFF GUARDS

| Rank | Name | College | Rank | Name | College |
|------|------------------|----------------|------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1 | Steve Aford | Indiana | 11 | Gary Grant | Michigan |
| 2 | Dennis Hobson | Ohio State | 12 | Andrew Moten | Florida |
| 3 | Doug Altengraber | Illinois | 13 | Jeff Lebo | North Carolina |
| 4 | Troy Lewis | Purdue | 14 | Tarrance Bailey | Wagner |
| 5 | Byron Larkin | Xavier | 15 | Mike Mitchell | Fresno State |
| 6 | Hersey Hawkins | Bradley | 16 | Roger McClendon | Cincinnati |
| 7 | Fred Banks | Nev. Las Vegas | 17 | Tony Kembro | Louisville |
| 8 | Bruce Dallymple | Georgia Tech | 18 | Tracy Moore | Tulsa |
| 9 | Tim McCalister | Oklahoma | 19 | James Ponder | Alabama |
| 10 | Frank Ford | Auburn | 20 | Anthony Wilson | Louisiana State |



Pittsburgh's Charles Smith

Pittsburgh's Charles Smith

A New Image

Pittsburgh Has Unfamiliar Role As Team to Beat

By PAUL FRANKLIN

The Big East Conference no longer is the Bloomingdale's of college basketball—at least not this year. It's more like J.C. Penney.

It used to be that when you ventured into an arena where Big East basketball was being played, the magnificence of the game—and especially its competitors—would be overwhelming. The league appeared capable of mass-producing superstars indefinitely. Patrick Ewing, Chris Mullin, Ed Pinckney—these and other Big East names were on every pro scout's shopping list.

But after last season, it was time for the Big East to take stock of its talent. The league's inventory report showed that most of its high-priced merchandise had been taken off the shelves. The shelves weren't left empty, mind you; plenty of quality goods remain. But the talent that used to make the Big East display windows glitter with excitement, making the league more spectacular than virtually any other—that's gone.

In effect, the Big East had a clearance sale, and for the moment, the merchandise looks pretty well picked over.

The most notable entries on the National Basketball Association market are, of course, Walter Berry, the 1986 national Player of the Year, and Dwayne (Pearl) Washington, the most electrifying point guard ever to play in the league. St. John's and Syracuse lost their respective superstars to the NBA draft a year early, leaving the Big East showcase a bit sparse.

While the departures of Berry and Washington were the most noticeable in the Big East, they were not the only ones. Several other highly rated players left behind four years of impressive credentials as well.

Villanova lost team leader Harold Pressley, the league's No. 2 rebounder and a first-round NBA draft pick. Georgetown said goodbye to four-year staples David Wingate and Michael Jackson. Seton Hall lost former Big East scoring champion Andre McCloud, while Syracuse bid farewell to Rafael Addison, the other half of the Orangemen's stellar backcourt.

So where does all this leave the league? "Scrambled eggs," St. John's Coach Lou Carnesecca said. "This is the first time the race has been so wide open."

Indeed, five teams have legitimate hopes of winning the Big East title this year. But only one team has enough depth



Pittsburgh's Charles Smith and Syracuse's Rony Seikaly are two of the heavyweight forces in the Big East Conference.

and talent to run away with the crown and, perhaps, to maintain the league's Bloomingdale's image by showcasing its stars in the latter stages of the NCAA Tournament.

The amazing thing is that neither Syracuse, Villanova, Georgetown nor St. John's is that team.

Pitt is it.

"Talent-wise," Carnesecca said, "everybody should like Pittsburgh."

They do.

"I go with Pittsburgh," Syracuse Coach Jim Boeheim said. "They beat Georgetown last year and had St. John's cold twice. And they played us tough there. They have the same team back, and now they're better—a year older and a year wiser.

"In (6-foot-10 forward-center) Charles Smith, I think they also have the Player of the Year. I think their problems are behind them. They're the team to beat."

Pitt won nine of its first 11 games last season, including its first Big East game of the year against Georgetown. The last 18 games, however, were another story.

The Panthers finished the season 15-14. They lost in the first round of the Big East Tournament to Georgetown and then were shocked in the first round of the National Invitation Tournament by Southwest Missouri State.

But with former coach Roy Chipman now in private business, many people believe that Paul Evans is just the man to

Continued

Boston College (Eagles)

Coach: Jim O'Brien (first year at Boston College)
Starters Lost (2): Roger McCready, F (18.1 ppg, 5.5 rpg), Dominic Pressley, G (12.2 ppg, 3.4 rpg, 1.9 spg, 50 FG%).
Others Lost: Trevor Gordon, F-C (4.5 ppg, 2.9 rpg), Mike Snick, F.
Starters Returning (3): Dana Barros, G, 5-10/Soph (13.7 ppg, 2.8 rpg, 3.5 spg, 2 sqg, 79.1 FT%), Skp Barry, F, 6-7/Jr. (4.9 ppg, 3 rpg), Troy Bowers, C, 6-8/Sr. (10.3 ppg, 5.2 rpg, 59.3 FG%).
Other Returnees: Jamie Benton, G, 6-0/Jr. (4.8 ppg, 80 FT%), Steve Benton, G-F, 6-5/Soph. (4.2 ppg, 89.7 FT%), Tom Harper, F, 6-7/Soph. (2.4 ppg), Ted Kenney, G, 6-5/Sr. Kelly Monroe, G, 6-4/Soph., Tyrone Scott, F, 6-8/Jr.
Newcomers: John Heath, C, 6-10/Soph. (Oklahoma City JC), Reggie Pratt, F, 6-7/Fr.
1985-86 Record: 13-15; Big East: 4-12/7th.
Site: Boston.

1986-87 Schedule

| | | | |
|--------------------------|-----|----------------|-----|
| Siena | N28 | At Providence | J17 |
| At New Hampshire | D1 | At Seton Hall | J20 |
| Harvard | D4 | Pittsburgh | J24 |
| At Fairfield | D6 | Connecticut | J27 |
| Utica | D8 | At Villanova | J30 |
| Maine | D11 | Seton Hall | F1 |
| At Holy Cross | D14 | Providence | F3 |
| Southern Methodist* | D18 | St. John's | F8 |
| Georgia Tech* | D20 | At Georgetown | F8 |
| Lafayette | D30 | At Pittsburgh | F14 |
| Villanova | J6 | UNC Wilmington | F16 |
| At St. John's | J10 | Georgetown | F24 |
| Syracuse | J13 | At Connecticut | F26 |
| *Tentative Ball in Japan | | At Syracuse | F28 |

Pittsburgh (Panthers)

Coach: Paul Evans (first year at Pittsburgh)
Starters Lost (2): Keith Armstrong, C (5.3 ppg, 3.8 rpg, 58.3 FG%), Joey David, G (4.8 ppg, 3.8 rpg).
Others Lost: Marlon Ferguson, F, 6-8/Jr. (RS/grades); Matt Miklavich, F; Darryl Shephard, F (8.5 ppg, 3 rpg, 54.7 FG%).
Starters Returning (3): Curtis Aiken, G, 6-0/Sr. (13.1 ppg, 3.5 spg, 58.9 FG%), Demetrius Gore, G-F, 6-6/Jr. (18.1 ppg, 3.8 rpg, 55.5 FG%, 83.7 FT%), Charles Smith, F-C, 6-10/Jr. (15.9 ppg, 8.1 rpg).
Other Returnees: Tico Cooper, C, 6-7/Sr. (2.1 ppg, 2.8 rpg), Mike Goodson, G, 6-3/Soph.; Jerome Lane, F, 6-8/Soph. (9.1 ppg, 5.1 rpg).
Newcomers: Rod Brooklin, G-F, 6-5/Fr.; Steve Meslek, F-C, 6-9/Fr. (RS/knee).
1985-86 Record: 15-14 Big East: 6-11/6th.
Site: Pittsburgh.

1986-87 Schedule

| | | | |
|----------------------------|-----|-------------------|-----|
| Indiana (Pa.) | N29 | Chicago State | J17 |
| At St. Francis (Pa.) | D3 | St. John's | J19 |
| Illinois | D6 | At Boston College | J24 |
| Xavier | D8 | At Syracuse | J26 |
| West Virginia | D13 | Seton Hall | J28 |
| Robert Morris | D20 | Connecticut | J31 |
| At Bingham Young | D23 | At Villanova | F4 |
| Rainbow Classic | D27 | At Providence | F7 |
| Providence | J3 | Syracuse | F9 |
| Akron | J6 | Boston College | F14 |
| Georgetown | J10 | At Georgetown | F18 |
| Duquesne* | J12 | At Connecticut | F21 |
| At Seton Hall | J14 | Villanova | F23 |
| *Civic Arena in Pittsburgh | | At St. John's | F28 |

Seton Hall (Pirates)

Coach: P.J. Carlesimo (39-78, 4 years)
Starters Lost (1): Andre McCloud, F (15.8 ppg).
Others Lost: Ricky Burton, F (4.8 ppg, 3.4 rpg), Jim Ferrer, G, 6-1/Soph. (transfer/Bentley College), Morgan Sina, G, 6-7/Jr. (15 ppg, transfer/Rhode Island), Phil Whitaker, F (2.7 ppg).
Starters Returning (4): Mark Bryant, F-C, 6-9/Jr. (14 ppg, 7.5 rpg, 52.3 FG%), Gerald Greene, G, 6-0/Soph. (3.3 ppg, 5.2 rpg), James Major, G, 6-0/Jr. (17.6 ppg), Martin Selley, F, 6-4/Jr. (6.2 ppg, 4.1 rpg).
Other Returnees: Khyem Long, F, 6-7/Soph.; John Morton, G, 6-3/Soph. (17.5 ppg); Ramon Ramos, C, 6-8-240/Soph.; Darryl Walker, F, 6-8/Soph. (6.3 ppg, 4.2 rpg).
Newcomers: Michael Cooper, F, 6-5/Fr.; Junior Curtis, G, 6-1/Jr. (JCI), Nick Katsikis, F, 6-6/Fr.; Frantz Volcy, C, 6-8/Jr.
1985-86 Record: 14-18, Big East: 3-13/T8th.
Site: South Orange, N.J.

1986-87 Schedule

| | | | |
|------------------------|-----|-------------------|-----|
| At Columbia | N27 | Pittsburgh | J14 |
| Pace (N.Y.) | D1 | Georgetown | J17 |
| St. Peter's | D3 | Boston College | J20 |
| Princeton | D6 | At Villanova | J24 |
| At St. John's | D11 | At Pittsburgh | J28 |
| Rutgers | D13 | At Boston College | F1 |
| At Fordham | D19 | Syracuse | F3 |
| Morgan State | D22 | Utica | F7 |
| At Georgetown | J3 | St. John's | F10 |
| Connecticut | J6 | At Providence | F17 |
| At Syracuse | J10 | Villanova | F21 |
| Brown | J12 | Providence* | F25 |
| *Madison Square Garden | | At Connecticut | F28 |

*Madison Square Garden denotes conference-leading totals.

Connecticut (Huskies)

Coach: Jim Calhoun (first year at Connecticut)
Starters Lost (3): Tim Coles, G (13.1 ppg, 9.3 rpg, 52.3 FG%); Earl Kelley, G (19.6 ppg, 3.2 rpg, 6.4 spg, 87 FT%); Eddie Williams, F (10.1 ppg, 3.7 rpg).
Others Lost: Terence Warren, G (dropped out).
Starters Returning (2): Gerry Basselink, C, 6-9/Sr. (4.4 ppg, 4.8 rpg); Phil Gamble, G, 8-4/Soph. (10.6 ppg, 3.9 rpg).
Other Returnees: Terry Coffey, G, 6-2/Jr.; Jeff King, F, 6-10/Jr. (4.4 ppg, 3.5 rpg, 83.3 FT%); Cliff Robinson, F, 6-9/Soph. (5.6 ppg, 3.1 rpg); John Shea, G, 6-8/Jr. (2.5 ppg); Robert Ursery, G-F, 6-5/Jr. (2.4 ppg).
Newcomers: Tate George, G, 6-4/Fr.; Steve Pikul, G, 6-3/Fr.; James Spradling, F, 6-7/Fr.
1985-86 Record: 12-16, Big East: 3-13/T8th.
Site: Storrs, Conn.

1986-87 Schedule

| | | | |
|-----------------------|-----|-------------------|-----|
| Massachusetts | N29 | At Georgetown | J21 |
| At Yale | D2 | Providence | J24 |
| Central Connecticut | D4 | At Boston College | J27 |
| Purdue | D6 | At Pittsburgh | J31 |
| At Boston University | D9 | St. Peter's* | F3 |
| Rhode Island | D11 | Holy Cross | F5 |
| Villanova | D13 | At Syracuse | F7 |
| Fairfield | D23 | Georgetown | F11 |
| Connecticut Mutual CI | D29 | At St. John's | F14 |
| Syracuse | J3 | At St. John's | F18 |
| Seton Hall* | J6 | Pittsburgh | F21 |
| Providence | J14 | Boston College | F20 |
| St. John's | J17 | Seton Hall | F28 |
| *Meadowlands | | | |

Providence (Friars)

Coach: Rick Pitino (17-14, 1 year)
Starters Lost (2): Al Roth, F (18 ppg, 5.3 rpg, 84.9 FT%); Harold Starks, G (9.3 ppg, 3.5 spg, 3.2 rpg).
Others Lost: Don Brown, G (8 ppg), Dick Penne, father G.
Starters Returning (3): Billy Donovan, G, 5-10/Sr. (15.1 ppg, 4.7 rpg, 81.1 FG%); Dave Kiefer, F, 6-7/Sr. (19.8 ppg, 4 rpg, 51.8 FG%); Steve Wright, C, 6-9/Jr. (19.2 ppg, 7.3 rpg, 2 bpg).
Other Returnees: Bryan Benham, F, 6-5/Soph.; Jack Duda, C, 6-10/Sr. (2.9 rpg); Ernie Lewis, F, 6-5/Sr. (7.5 ppg, 3.2 rpg); Matt Palazzi, G, 6-2/Jr. (6.5 ppg); Darryl Wright, G, 6-5/Soph. (will RS).
Newcomers: James Best, F, 6-4/Soph. (transfer/New Hampshire); DeRay Brooks, G, 6-4/Jr. (transfer/Indiana); Marty Conlon, F, 6-9/Fr.; Carlton Screen, G, 6-11/Fr.; Abdul Shamsid-Deen, F, 6-9/Fr.
1985-86 Record: 17-14, Big East: 7-9/5th.
Site: Providence, R.I.

1986-87 Schedule

| | | | |
|------------------------|-----|-------------------|-----|
| Fleet Classic | N28 | Boston College | J17 |
| At Holy Cross | D2 | At Miami (Fla.) | J20 |
| Rhode Island | D6 | At Connecticut | J24 |
| Brown | D9 | Georgetown | J28 |
| Siena | D11 | St. John's | J31 |
| Rider | D20 | At Boston College | F3 |
| Howard | D22 | Pittsburgh | F7 |
| Maine | D27 | At St. John's | F14 |
| Holstra | D29 | Seton Hall | F17 |
| At Pittsburgh | J3 | At Syracuse | F19 |
| Syracuse | J5 | At Seton Hall | F25 |
| At Villanova | J10 | At Georgetown | F28 |
| Connecticut | J14 | Villanova | M2 |
| *Madison Square Garden | | | |

Syracuse (Orangemen)

Coach: Jim Boeheim (230-77, 10 years)
Starters Lost (3): Rafael Andison, G (15 ppg, 5.6 rpg, 4.2 spg); Wendell Alexis, F (15.2 ppg, 7.4 rpg, 81 FT%); Dwayne Washington, G (17.3 ppg, 7.8 rpg, 2.6 spg, 53.5 FG%, entered NBA draft).
Starters Returning (2): Rony Seikaly, C, 6-10-240/Jr. (10.1 ppg, 7.8 rpg, 3 bpg, 54.7 FG%); Howard Triche, F, 6-5/Sr. (7.4 ppg, 4 rpg).
Other Returnees: Derek Brower, F, 6-9/Jr. (3.5 ppg, 3.5 rpg); Sherman Douglas, G, 6-0/Soph. (5.4 ppg, 61.3 FG%); Herman Harned, F, 6-7/Soph. (RS/knee); Greg Monroe, G, 6-3/Sr. (5.4 ppg); Rodney Walker, F, 6-9/Soph. (13.3 ppg, 3.1 rpg).
Newcomers: Derrick Coleman, F, 6-9/Fr.; Keith Hughes, F, 6-7/Fr.; Matt Ros, G, 6-5/Fr.; Erik Rogers, C, 6-11/Fr. (RS/grades); Steve Thompson, G, 6-4/Fr.
1985-86 Record: 26-6, Big East: 14-2/T1st.
Site: Syracuse, N.Y.

1986-87 Schedule

| | | | |
|---------------------|-----|----------------|-----|
| Loyola of Chicago | N29 | At Michigan | J18 |
| George Washington | D1 | Villanova | J21 |
| Cornell Classic | D5 | St. John's | J24 |
| Cornell | D8 | Pittsburgh | J25 |
| St. Bonaventure* | D11 | At Georgetown | J31 |
| Canisius | D13 | At Seton Hall | F3 |
| Fairfield | D20 | Connecticut | F7 |
| Hawaii Tournament | D26 | At Pittsburgh | F9 |
| Boston University | D30 | Louisville | F14 |
| At Connecticut | J3 | At Villanova | F16 |
| At Providence | J5 | Providence | F19 |
| Seton Hall | J10 | Georgetown | F22 |
| At Boston College | J13 | At St. John's | F25 |
| *Buffalo Auditorium | | Boston College | F28 |

Georgetown (Hoyas)

Coach: John Thompson (321-115, 14 years)
Starters Lost (4): Horace Broadnax, G (7.5 ppg), Ralph Dalton, C (7.7 ppg, 7.2 rpg); Michael Jackson, G (10.5 ppg, 6.3 rpg), David Wingate, F (15.9 ppg).
Others Lost: Grady Mateen, F-C, 6-10/Jr. (4.2 ppg, 3.1 rpg, 80.9 FT%, transfer/Ohio State).
Starters Returning (1): Reggie Williams, G-F, 6-7/Sr. (17.6 ppg, 8.2 rpg, 52.8 FG%).
Other Returnees: Johnathan Edwards, F-C, 6-8-240/Soph. (4.1 ppg, 3.5 rpg, 52.7 FG%); Ronnie Highsmith, F, 6-8/Jr. (2 ppg, 2 rpg); Jaron Jackson, G-F, 6-4/Soph. (3.2 ppg); Perry McDonald, G-F, 6-4/Jr. (3.4 ppg, 2.3 rpg); Charles Smith, G, 6-0/Soph. (3 ppg); Bobby Winston, G-F, 6-5/Soph. (2.2 ppg).
Newcomers: Anthony Allen, F, 6-7/Fr.; Dwayne Bryant, G, 6-3/Fr.; Ben Gilery, C, 7-0/Jr. (Drake JC); Sam Jefferson, F, 6-10/Fr.; Mark Tillmon, G, 6-2/Fr.
1985-86 Record: 24-8 Big East: 11-5/3rd.
Site: Washington, D.C.

1986-87 Schedule

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|---------------------|-----|-------------------|-----|
| TBA in Hawaii | N28 | At Seton Hall | J17 |
| TBA in Hawaii | N28 | Connecticut | J21 |
| Grambling State | D3 | DePaul | J25 |
| St. Louis (Fla.) | D6 | At Providence | J28 |
| At Arizona State | D9 | Syracuse | J31 |
| Arizona | D13 | St. John's | F2 |
| American | D17 | Villanova | F7 |
| Texas El Paso | D20 | Boston College | F9 |
| Florida A&M | D23 | At Connecticut | F11 |
| At Long Beach State | D30 | Pittsburgh | F18 |
| Seton Hall | J3 | At Syracuse | F22 |
| St. John's | J7 | At Boston College | F24 |
| At Pittsburgh | J10 | Providence | F28 |
| At Villanova | J12 | | |

St. John's (Redmen)

Coach: Lou Carnesecca (402-136, 18 years)
Starters Lost (2): Walter Berry, F-C (23 ppg, 11.1 rpg, 2.1 bpg, 59.8 FG%, entered NBA draft); Ron Rowan, G (14.2 ppg, 4.4 rpg, 87.1 FT%).
Others Lost: Marco Baldi, C, 6-11, 245/Soph. (banned from team by NCAA).
Starters Returning (3): Willie Glass, G, 6-6/Sr. (13.3 ppg, 5.6 rpg); Mark Jackson, G, 6-2/Sr. (11.3 ppg, 3.5 rpg, 9.1 spg, 1.9 rpg); Shelton Jones, F, 6-8/Jr. (18.5 ppg, 5.7 rpg, 52.5 FG%, 81.4 FT%).
Other Returnees: Terry Bross, F, 6-9/Jr.; John Hempel, F, 6-7/Sr.; Steve Shuma, G, 6-4/Jr.
Newcomers: Marcus Broadnax, G, 6-1/Fr.; Matt Brust, G, 6-5/Soph. (transfer/North Carolina); Kevin Fitzpatrick, G, 6-1/Fr. (RS/grades); Elander Lewis, G, 6-2/Fr.; Ned Smith, F, 6-7/Fr.; Jason Williams, F, 6-8/Fr.
1985-86 Record: 31-5 Big East: 14-2/T1st.
Site: Jamaica, N.Y.

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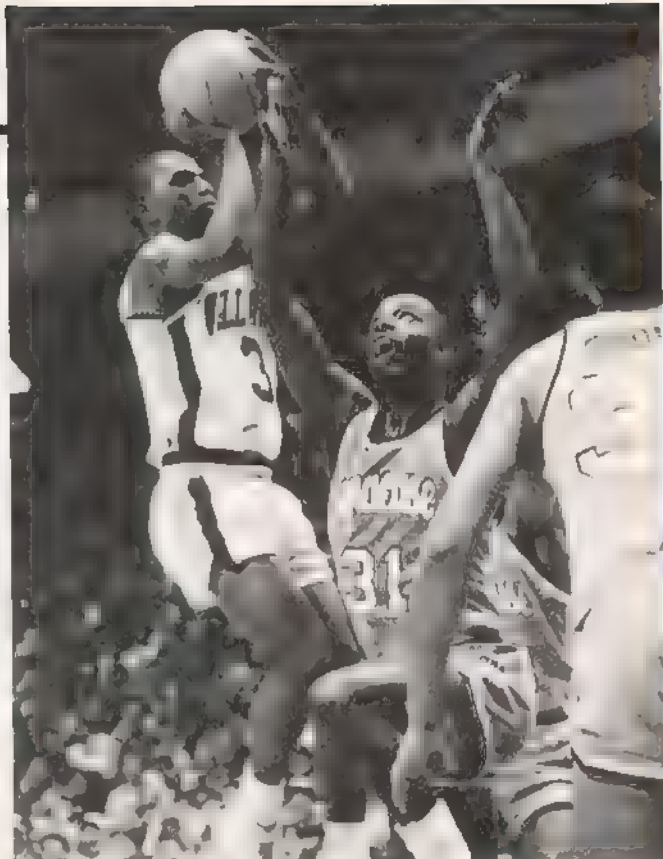
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| Lapchick Tournament | N28 | At Pittsburgh | J19 |
| Fordham | D2 | At Syracuse | J24 |
| Wagner | D8 | Villanova | J27 |
| Seton Hall | D11 | At Providence | J31 |
| UCLA* | D13 | Georgetown* | F2 |
| At Niagara | D20 | At Boston College | F6 |
| ECAC Holiday Festival | D27 | At Seton Hall | F10 |
| At Villanova | J3 | Providence | F14 |
| At Georgetown | J7 | Fairleigh Dickinson* | F16 |
| Boston College | J10 | Connecticut | F18 |
| Brooklyn | J14 | Kansas* | F21 |
| At Connecticut | J17 | Syracuse* | F25 |
| *Madison Square Garden | | Pittsburgh | F28 |

Villanova (Wildcats)

Coach: Rollie Massimino (251-151, 13 years)
Starters Lost (2): Harold Pressley, F (16.8 ppg, 10.1 rpg, 2.2 spg, 50.7 FG%); Dwight Wilbur, G (7.1 ppg).
Others Lost: Chuck Everson, C, R.C. Massimino, G.
Starters Returning (3): Harold Jensen, G, 6-4/Sr. (11.8 ppg, 2.4 rpg, 51.3 FG%, 83 FT%); Mark Plankey, F, 6-7/Jr. (7.5 ppg, 5.1 rpg); Doug West, F, 6-8/Soph. (10.2 ppg, 3.7 rpg, 51.5 FG%).
Other Returnees: Connally Brown, F, 6-7/Sr.; Pat Enright, G, 6-0/Sr.; Wyatt Maker, C, 6-11, 245/Sr. (2.8 ppg); Gary Massey, G-F, 6-5/Soph. (2.7 ppg); Steve Pinnone, F, 6-4/Sr.; Kenny Wilson, G, 6-9/Soph. (8.1 ppg, 3.9 rpg).
Newcomers: Barry Bekkedam, F, 6-10/Fr.; Tom Grais, C, 7-2, 255/Fr.; Eric Leslie, G, 6-3/Fr.; Rodney Taylor, F, 6-6/Fr.
1985-86 Record: 23-14, Big East: 10-6/4th.
Site: Philadelphia.

1986-87 Schedule

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|------------------------|-----|-----------------|-----|
| Howard* | N21 | At Virginia | J17 |
| Valmont | N30 | At Syracuse | J21 |
| At George Mason | D3 | Seton Hall | J24 |
| St. Francis (Pa.) | D6 | At St. John's | J27 |
| La Salle | D9 | Boston College | J30 |
| At Connecticut | D13 | Pittsburgh | F4 |
| Temple | D20 | At Georgetown | F7 |
| Drexel | D23 | At Pennsylvania | F10 |
| Sugar Bowl Tournament | D28 | Connecticut | F14 |
| St. John's | J3 | Syracuse | F16 |
| At Boston College | J6 | At St. Joseph's | F19 |
| Providence | J10 | At Seton Hall | F21 |
| Georgetown | J12 | At Pittsburgh | F23 |
| *Coca-Cola NIT Classic | | At Providence | M2 |



Seton Hall forward-center Mark Bryant (left) gives the Pirates hope for a first-division finish while guard Kenny Wilson is part of a returning cast that should help Villanova stay in contention.

come in and tap the potential of the Panthers' many stars.

"Paul Evans has proven he's a good coach," Boenheim said. "The college game isn't like the NBA, where it usually takes more than one season for players to adjust to a new coach. Look at Eddie Sutton and Kentucky last year. He came in, and boom! I think these kids will respond to him."

What the Panthers need most, it seems, is a dose of discipline—and Evans has been known to dish out plenty of that in his 13 years at St. Lawrence (N.Y.) and Navy.

"There are some guys on this team that need to be disciplined," sophomore forward Jerome Lane said. "Evans will give us that."

If so, that ambiguous term "chemistry" may not even be used regarding the Panthers this year.

"Last year they won a lot early and people said they had good chemistry," said Evans, who led the Midshipmen to the final game of the NCAA East Regional against national runner-up Duke last March. "Then they started losing and people said they didn't play together. Did they stop playing together all of a sudden?"

"When a team with some talent starts to go bad, the easiest thing to blame is the chemistry. I don't know how important that really is. I know the kids seem to like each other. I just think they need some good, strong leadership from someone."

Smith, who averaged 15.9 points and 8.1 rebounds per game as a sophomore last year, will be the Panthers' court leader. A

natural power forward, Smith finally has agreed to play the pivot if that is what Evans wants. At either position, he could emerge as one of the major forces in the country this year.

"Charles has as much or more potential than David Robinson," Evans said, comparing him to his All-America center at Navy last year. "He has all the tools to dominate the Big East."

And, as Seton Hall Coach P.J. Carlesimo pointed out, "No team has been good in this league without a great player."

Pitt may have others. Team-leading scorer Demetreus Gore combines with Smith to form the toughest forward combination in the league. Should Smith swing to the middle and Gore to lead guard, Lane provides strong depth in the frontcourt. But Smith may not have to play the pivot if 6-7 senior Tico Cooper, a former junior college transfer, can provide the rebounding and defense that Evans expects from his center.

"We have some very, very good players who play similar positions, have similar styles, but who might not complement each other," Evans explained. "That's why I don't think you'll see Lane, (Curtis) Aiken and Gore on the floor at the same time. One of them should make a terrific sixth man."

"I won't necessarily play the five best players," he added, "but the five players who play best together."

One of those should be Aiken, a shooting guard who will thrive with the new three-point rule. Aiken, one of the best seniors in the league this season, made

56.9 percent of his field-goal attempts last year, many of those coming from long range.

On a team with more keys than a school janitor, the point guard spot leads the jingles. Untested Mike Goodson will direct the Panthers after recruit Jimmy Rogers turned up academically ineligible.

If all these pieces fit into Evans' overall puzzle, Pitt could emerge as one of the best teams in the country.

Evans, of course, is not making his job tougher by predicting such success for his first Pitt team.

"We are two players away—a big man and a point guard—from being serious contenders," he said. "St. John's, Georgetown and Syracuse lost some people, but they have so much talent waiting in the wings that they just plug them in and keep rolling. Right now I put Pitt right in the middle of the pack."

Whether Syracuse finishes atop or amid the pack this season could hinge on whether freshman power forward Derrick Coleman does for the Orangemen what Pervis Ellison did for Louisville as a freshman last year.

"He can make a difference if he plays," Boenheim said. "The four spot is a big question mark for us."

If Coleman doesn't earn the job, sophomore Rodney Walker, redshirt sophomore Herman Harried and junior Derek Brower will fight it out.

Although Boenheim lost three starters—Washington, Addison and Wendell Alexis

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he does have experience at all other positions

Junior Rony Seikaly has shown tremendous improvement in his first two seasons and now is the best pure center in the league (See related story, page 127.) If sophomore point guard Sherman Douglas proves to be an adequate replacement for Washington, Syracuse could have the strongest combination in the league at the center and point spots, the two most critical positions in the game.

The only other returning regular is forward Howard Triche, a good defender with a nice jumper. Both Triche and off-guard Greg Monroe need to shoot more often

Boheim has his best freshman class ever, even without academic casualty Earl Duncan, one of the nation's top 50 recruits. Guards Matt Roe and Steve Thompson and forward Keith Hughes all will be expected to contribute this season. With their help, the Orangemen won't be as bad off as many fans might suspect.

"We can challenge," Boehm said. "If our people step into full-time roles and do the job, we'll do OK. Regardless of who wins the league, I think the champs will have at least four losses. It should be a hell of a race."

Villanova will be in it. The Wildcats' 1985 national championship is paying off with some outstanding recruits

Point guard Kenny Wilson and forward Doug West made the league's all-freshman team last year. Coupled with guard Harold Jensen and forward Mark Plansky, Villanova has good experience and some eager talent to make a run.

"For us to have an impact in the league," Coach Rollie Massimino said, "we have to have contributions from our freshmen"

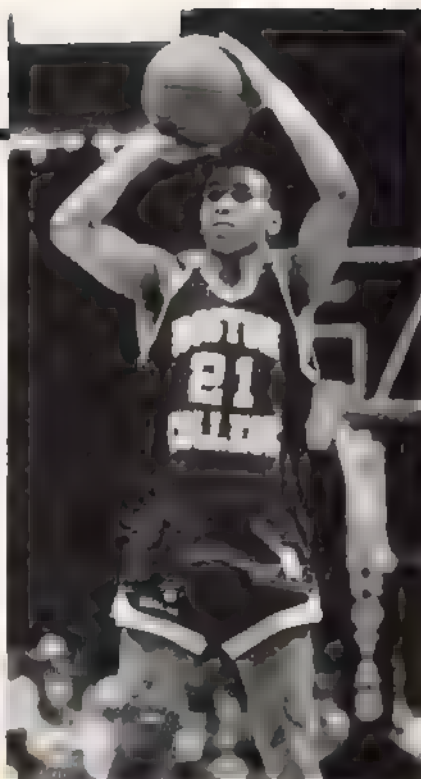
Massimino's primary need is a big man, so 7-2 center Tom Greis and 6-10 forward Barry Bekkedam, a pair of top-notch recruits, could be starters by season's end, although Massimino will give 6-11 senior Wyatt Maker a chance to fill the pivot role. Guard Eric Leslie and forward Rodney Taylor also are highly touted freshmen

"Pressley carried them last year," Carlesimo said. "But I think Jensen will have a great year. And if the young players come on, they'll be right there."

Despite the loss of four starters, Georgetown also should contend for the league title. Coach John Thompson has assembled a nice bench of high school All Americans, and with swingman Reggie Williams leading the way, the Hoyas are assured of being in the hunt.

"It's been a long time since we've counted on so many young people," Thompson said. "And if we're to do well, they'll have to give us a lot."

Such sophomores as forward-center Johnathan Edwards, swingman Jaren



Boston College will have to depend on hot-shooting guard Dana Barros to provide points.

Jackson and guard Charles Smith will be expected to make significant contributions as full-time players. So will such freshmen as guard Dwayne Bryant and 6-10 Sam Jefferson.

Experience will come from juniors Perry McDonald, who could step into the off-guard spot, and power forward Ronnie Highsmith. And Williams, the team's leading scorer and rebounder a year ago, will provide leadership as the Hoyas' only senior.

"The kids expect to win every year," Thompson said, "and they want to win this year, too."

So do the players at St. John's, which must overcome some heavy losses if the Redmen are to retain the league championship they shared with Syracuse last season

Gone are Berry, guard Ron Rowan and 6-11 sophomore center Marco Baldi, who was penalized by the NCAA during last year's tournament for favors received while playing for Italy's pro team in high school. The original suspension was for at least the first 14 games of this season, but the NCAA later banned Baldi for the entire year. Baldi, who made limited contributions as a freshman, was expected to remain in Italy.

"As for replacing Walter, well, I don't know if we can fill his shoes," Carnesecca said. "But we've lost talent before."

Not that St. John's doesn't have any. Mark Jackson was one of the top guards in the nation, averaging 9.1 assists to lead Division I. (See related story, page 130.) Backcourt mate Willie Glass is a good scorer and rebounder and perhaps the best defensive player in the league.

If junior forward Shelton Jones improves, St. John's could use its talented freshman class to sub its way to the top again. Rookie guard Elander Lewis and senior forward John Hempel join Jackson as the Redmen's top outside shooting threats.

At Seton Hall, forward-center Mark Bryant could be what the Pirates need to escape the league's second division.

"He could take us to the next level," Carlesimo said of Bryant, who averaged 14 points and 7.5 rebounds as a sophomore. "But a lot depends on what the guys around him do."

Only one key player, McCloud, is gone. The frontcourt is in good shape with Bryant in the middle and junior Martin Salley and sophomore Darryl Walker, who appear to have the edge over sophomores Khyiem Long and Ramon Ramos, on the wings. Freshman Frantz Volcy also could contribute up front.

The backcourt ultimately will determine where the Pirates finish. Seton Hall will be a factor in the Big East race if point guards John Morton and Gerald Greene and shooter James Major can get the job done.

Providence surprised everyone by getting the job done last year under new Coach Rick Pitino. The Friars went 17-14 and were fifth in the league, their highest Big East finish ever

The Big East is ready for Pitino and the Friars this time around, but some key returnees and a solid freshman class give them a chance at cracking the Big East's power pack.

Providence will miss guard Harold Starks, but the backcourt is in capable hands with Billy Donovan, perhaps the league's most improved player last year, and Indiana transfer Delray Brooks.

Up front, 6-9 junior Steve Wright is ready to emerge, and freshmen Marty Conlon and Abdul Shamsid-Deen are a pair of good blocks on which to build.

Boston College and Connecticut are rebuilding under new coaches, both of whom inherit relatively weak squads.

At Boston College, Coach Jimmy O'Brien returns to his alma mater from St. Bonaventure to replace Gary Williams, who went to Ohio State. O'Brien will have Big East Freshman of the Year Dana Barros, one of the top lead guards in the conference, to provide some points. Aside from forwards Skip Barry and Troy Bowers, however, the Eagles have little else to inspire optimism.

Jim Calhoun, who had great success in recent seasons at Northeastern, is the new coach at Connecticut. All-freshman team member Phil Gamble is another young guard leading his team. Unfortunately, he is leading the Huskies into the heat of a Big East inferno. ■

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1985-86 Success Gives Atlantic 10 Bragging Rights

By PHIL AXELROD

The selling of the Atlantic 10 Conference has been a slow and painful process, but the league has earned whatever respect it has the hard way—on the court.

The Atlantic 10, underexposed and often overlooked, was one of a handful of leagues last season to have three teams in the NCAA Tournament. And two of the nation's top three shot-blockers—Temple's Tim Perry and St. Joseph's Rodney Blake—play for Atlantic 10 schools.

What the conference didn't have was a lucrative television package, which explains why the league still is struggling for an identity and its players and teams aren't household names. The league assembled a new TV package for this season that will give the league its most exposure ever.

"We have not been on TV all that much," said Ron Bertovich, the league's new commissioner. "The fact three teams got in the NCAA's (a first for the Atlantic 10) is a tribute to the basketball in this league."

"You can't say we're a media creation," he said, laughing. "There's no doubt we've established ourselves as one of the top conferences in the country. The lower-division clubs are getting stronger; that's what makes a league strong."

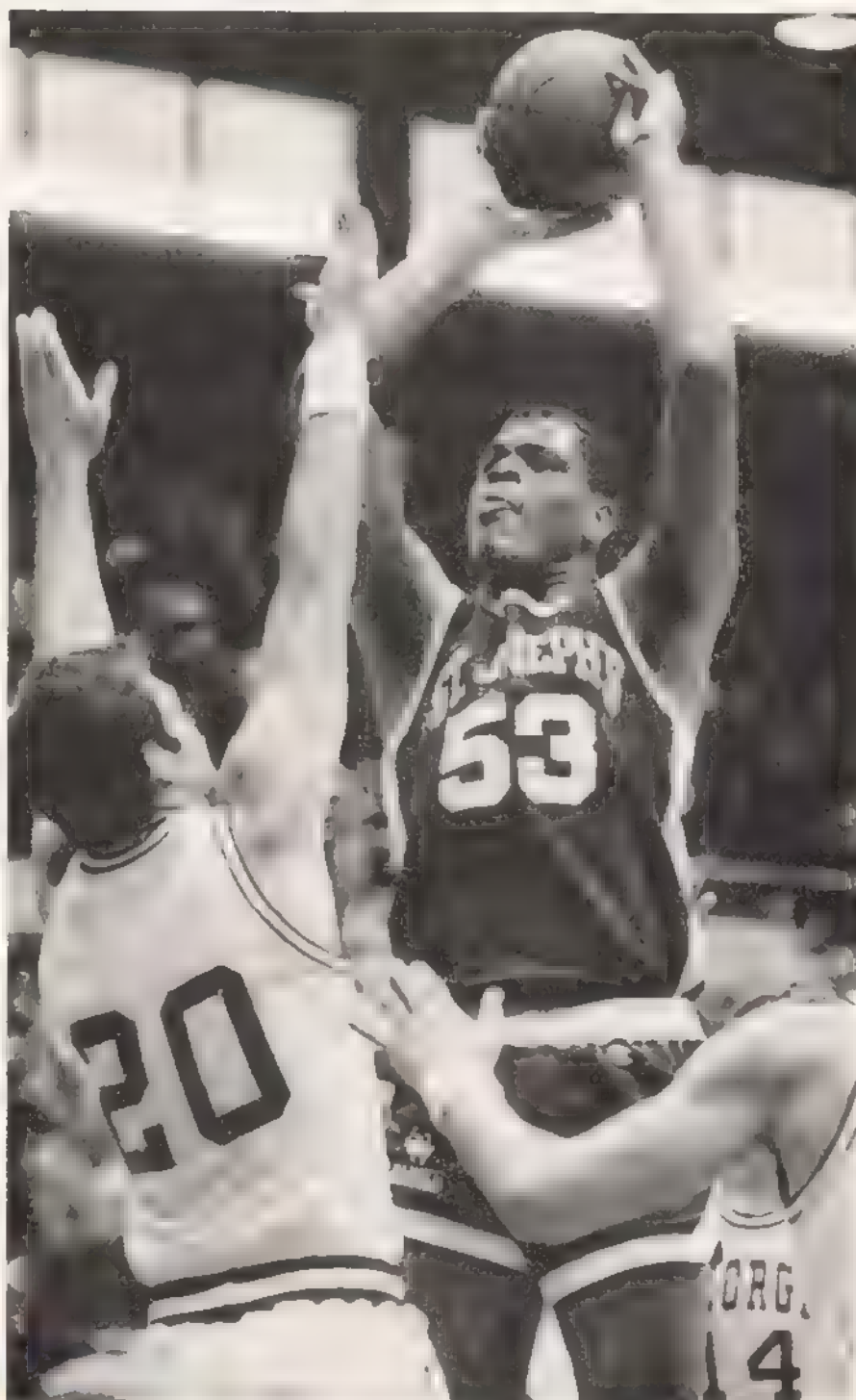
The Atlantic 10's showcase teams still are St. Joseph's, Temple and West Virginia, the three tournament participants last season. Duquesne can pull a few surprises, and Penn State might finally be making a move in basketball, possibly into the league's first division.

"We're getting a better caliber of player in the league," Duquesne Coach Jim Satalin said. "Blake and Perry are as dominating at center as anybody, with the exception of Navy's David Robinson. Blake and Perry give the league credibility."

That's something the league has never had.

"We always knew we were strong, but we weren't winning big non-conference games," Bertovich said. "Last year we won them. That's where you earn respect. I'll be disappointed if we don't get three teams in the NCAA Tournament again."

One of those teams surely would be defending league champion **St. Joseph's**, which is deep in talent and experience despite the loss of three starters, including Atlantic 10 Player of the Year Maurice Martin.



Rodney Blake will play a big role in St. Joseph's Atlantic 10 Conference title defense.

Coach Jim Boyle will build his team around Blake, a hulking 6-foot-8 junior. Blake spent the summer working out with Charles Barkley of the Philadelphia 76ers and has trimmed away some of his baby fat and added some moves to his repertoire.

"He's toned up his body," said Boyle, the league's Coach of the Year. "I think he's ready to explode. Rodney's capable

of scoring a lot of points, and he's already one of the best defensive centers in the country. He's capable of dominating a game. We need to get him involved more in our attack."

Blake is Mr. Inside, while guard Wayne Williams, who has sprinter's speed and an explosive first step to the basket, is Mr. Everywhere.

"We're going to identify Rodney and

Wayne as guys who are going to get the big baskets for us," Boyle said. "Wayne is a treat to watch. We use him at more than one position because he can play facing the basket and he's remarkable with his back to the basket. He puts pressure on defenses because they have to respect his speed."

Filling out the Hawks' front line will be Greg Mullee, a big man with sure hands and a soft jumper and the Most Valuable Player in the Atlantic 10 Tournament. Transfers Tarone Thornton (South Carolina) and Henry Smith (Ohio University) will push the veterans for playing time.

James Flint will run the show from the point, and guard Brian Leahy is a three-point specialist.

"I do have a good feeling about this team," Boyle said. "We can do a lot of things well."

So can Temple, annually one of the best unknown teams in the country.

The Owls are solid at guard with veterans Nate Blackwell and Howard Evans, who finished No. 2 and 3, respectively, in scoring for Temple behind the departed Ed Coe last year. Perry, who led the league in blocked shots (four per game) and rebounding (8.5) as a sophomore, is a true intimidator. If 6-10, 260-pound Ramon Rivas can get the job done at center, Perry will switch to his natural position at power forward.

"Tim Perry will be a mainstay in the conference for the next couple of years," Coach John Chaney said. "He's one of those players you have to reckon with. He's still growing ... he's still learning. I'm a pushy person, and I'm going to push him as far as I can to get the best out of him. He has natural defensive skills, and his ability to block shots is phenomenal."

But Perry's shooting range is limited, and he has been foul-prone in the past.

"Everything we do is designed to protect Perry," Chaney said. "Remember, he's always going to be around the basket, and the traffic comes his way down the freeway."

Perry's protector could be the mountainous Rivas, who eats up space and could be a factor if he gets into shape.

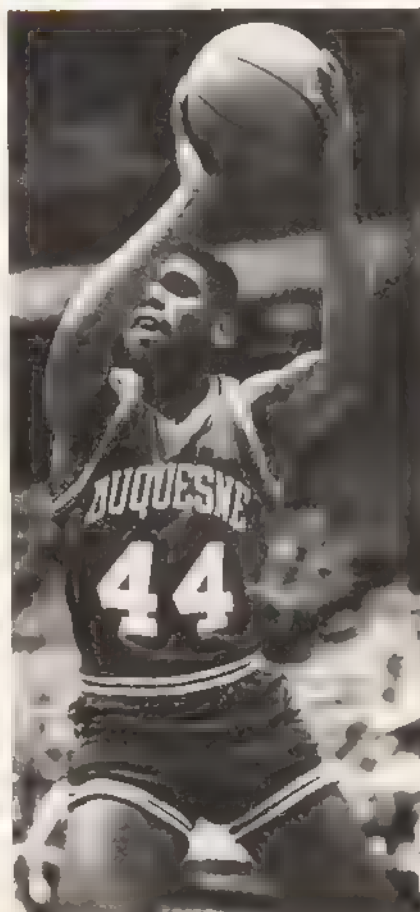
"I'm looking for him to stay on the floor for 35 minutes a game," Chaney said. "We're hoping he can be our anchor man."

Junior Jerome Dowdell is the likely successor to Coe's backcourt job. Forwards Mike Vreeswyk and Derrick Brantley will get a lot of minutes.

The loss of a recruit could limit West Virginia's success this season. Forward Chris Brooks, a prep All-America and easily the most celebrated freshman ever to enter the Atlantic 10, was an academic casualty under the new NCAA rule regarding freshman entrance requirements. Gale Catlett will try to reassemble his frontcourt of veterans Wayne Yearwood,



Temple's Tim Perry (above) specializes in blocked shots and intimidation while Emmett Sellers is Duquesne's brightest star.



Darrell Pinckney and Darryl Prue. Also on hand is junior college standout Tyrone Shaw.

"We have some flexibility," Catlett said. "We can move some people around if we need to."

The Mountaineers aren't so fortunate in the backcourt, which was decimated by the loss of all-conference pick Dale Blaney and Holman Harley, perhaps the league's finest backcourt duo last season. The only guard on the roster with any experience at all is Herbie Brooks, a seldom-used sophomore. Catlett may be forced to use freshman Steve Berger at point guard.

"We are certainly going to be inexperienced at guard, and we are young," said Catlett, whose Mountaineers have been to six straight postseason tournaments. "I have confidence in the players coming back, but we are going to have to be patient."

At Duquesne, Satalin is running out of patience.

"I think we should be ready to do some winning," Satalin said. "Emmett Sellers is the whole key to this team."

Sellers, who returned last January after being suspended for 1½ years until he was cleared of rape charges, flashed some of his old form in the Atlantic 10 Tournament. He was the Dukes' leading scorer as a sophomore.

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Duquesne (Dukes)

Coach: Jim Satalin (49-46, 4 years)
Starters Lost (2): Dwayne Rawls, F (15.5 ppg, 8 rpg, 55.7 FG%), Rick Suder, G (20.4 ppg, 3.1 rpg, 4.1 apg, 53.1 FG%, 91.8 FT%)
Others Lost: Fitzgerald Bobo, F (4.2 ppg, 57.1 FG%)
Starters Returning (3): Jim Balog, C, 6-9/Jr. (4.8 ppg, 4.4 rpg), Collins Dobbs, G, 6-4/Jr. (8.2 ppg), Brian Shanahan, G, 6-6/Soph. (6.2 ppg, 4.7 apg)
Other Returnees: Mark Beavers, F, 6-7/Sr. (5.8 ppg, 3.7 rpg), Adam Sarson, F-C, 6-7/Jr. (3.4 ppg, 3.5 rpg), Emmett Sellers, G, 6-3/Sr. (5.2 ppg), Ronnie Stevenson, F, 6-8/Jr. (8.8 ppg, 3.7 rpg)
Newcomers: Brian Anselmino, F, 6-7/Fr., Pete Freeman, F-C, 6-7/Fr., Rodney Holmes, G, 6-10/Fr., Kevin McCarthy, F, 6-8/Fr., Arnd Neuhaus, F, 6-9/Fr. (from Germany), Tony Petrarca, G, 6-2/Fr.
1985-86 Record: 15-14, Atlantic 10: 10-10/5th
Site: Pittsburgh.

1986-87 Schedule

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|--------------------|-----|----------------------|-----|
| Indiana (Pa.) | D2 | At George Washington | J20 |
| Rutgers | D6 | At Rutgers | J24 |
| Shippensburg (Pa.) | D8 | Rhode Island | J26 |
| Robert Morris | D11 | At Temple | J29 |
| Rebel Round Up | D19 | West Virginia | J31 |
| At Iowa | D27 | St. Francis (Pa.) | F2 |
| At Xavier | D30 | Penn State | F5 |
| St. Joseph's | J3 | At St. Bonaventure | F7 |
| At West Virginia | J4 | At Penn State | F12 |
| St. Bonaventure | J8 | George Washington | F14 |
| At St. Joseph's | J10 | Temple | F16 |
| Pittsburgh | J12 | At Rhode Island | F21 |
| Massachusetts | J17 | At Massachusetts | F23 |

Bold face denotes conference, leading totals.



Penn State's Tom Hovasse.

Geo. Washington (Colonials)

Coach: John Kuester (12-16, 1 year)
Starters Lost (3): Mike O'Reilly, G (6.7 ppg, 4.8 apg, 82.1 FT%), Troy Webster, G (14.6 ppg), Chester Wood, F (11.3 ppg, 3.8 rpg, 54.3 FG%)
Others Lost: Craig Helms, F (3.3 ppg, 2.7 rpg)
Starters Returning (2): Moti Daniel, F, 6-6/Soph. (9 ppg), Steve Frick, F, 6-5/Sr. (12.3 ppg, 5.8 rpg)
Other Returnees: Kenny Barer, F, 6-5/Jr. (5.6 ppg), Max Blank, C, 6-9/Soph. (RS/knee), Brian Butler, G, 6-4/Sr. (4.4 ppg), Joe Dootley, G, 6-2/Jr. (3.5 ppg), Brian Royal, F, 6-6/Soph. (2.9 ppg)
Newcomers: Art Connell, C, 6-11/Fr.; Gerald Jackson, G 6-4/Jr. (transfer/Minn.), Mike Jones, F 6-6/Fr., Ellis McKennie, G, 6-3/Fr., Frank Williams, G 6-0/Fr., Nate Williams, F, 6-7/Fr., Peter Young, F 6-6/Fr.
1985-86 Record: 12-16, Atlantic 10: 7-11/6th
Site: Washington D.C.

1986-87 Schedule

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|--------------------|-----|--------------------|-----|
| Coppin (Md.) State | N29 | Duquesne | J20 |
| At Syracuse | D1 | At St. Bonaventure | J24 |
| Howard | D4 | At Rhode Island | J29 |
| Michigan State | D6 | At Massachusetts | J31 |
| St. Thomas (Fla.) | D9 | At Rhode Island | J31 |
| American | D13 | At St. Joseph's | F5 |
| Shippensburg (Pa.) | D19 | Rutgers | F7 |
| At South Carolina | D22 | Temple | F9 |
| At Jacksonville | D28 | At West Virginia | F12 |
| Massachusetts | J3 | At Duquesne | F14 |
| At Temple | J5 | Rhode Island | F19 |
| At Penn State | J8 | Penn State | F19 |
| St. Bonaventure | J10 | St. Joseph's | F21 |
| West Virginia | J15 | At Rutgers | F23 |
| Penn State | J17 | | |

Massachusetts (Minutemen)

Coach: Ron Gerlufsen (32-51, 3 years)
Starters Lost: None
Others Lost: Tom Emerson, C, Jack Sheehan, G
Starters Returning (5): David Brown, F, 6-4/Soph. (9.1 ppg, 5.2 rpg), Duane Chase, F, 6-6/Soph. (6.2 ppg, 4.9 rpg), John Milum, C, 6-9/Soph. (6.6 ppg, 3.6 rpg), Carl Smith, G, 6-11/Sr. (7.1 ppg, 8.8 apg, 78.1 FT%), Lorenzo Sutton, G, 6-2/Jr. (17.8 ppg, 4.1 rpg, 50.3 FG%)
Other Returnees: Joe Fennell, F, 6-6/Soph. (6.5 ppg, 4.1 rpg), Bill Hampton, G, 6-4/Sr.; Wilbert Hicks, F, 6-8/Jr.; Sean Mosby, F-C, 6-8/Soph. (4.3 ppg, 3.3 rpg); Mike Mundy, G, 5-10/Soph. (4.3 ppg), Fitzhugh Terry, F, 6-8/Soph.
Newcomers: Chris Bailey, G, 6-11/Fr.; Carey Herer, G, 6-2/Fr.
1985-86 Record: 9-19, Atlantic 10: 6-12/7th
Site: Amherst, Mass.

1986-87 Schedule

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|----------------------|-----|--------------------|-----|
| At Connecticut | N29 | At West Virginia | J19 |
| Boston University | D4 | St. Joseph's | J24 |
| Keene State (N.H.) | D9 | At Holy Cross | J26 |
| At New Hampshire | D11 | St. Bonaventure | J29 |
| Northeastern | D13 | George Washington | J31 |
| Orange Bowl Classic | D29 | Temple | F2 |
| At George Washington | J3 | At Rhode Island | F7 |
| At Penn State | J5 | Penn State | F9 |
| West Virginia | J10 | At Rutgers | F12 |
| Rhode Island | J12 | At St. Joseph's | F16 |
| Rutgers | J15 | At St. Bonaventure | F21 |
| At Duquesne | J17 | Duquesne | F23 |

Penn State (Nittany Lions)

Coach: Bruce Parkhill (25-58, 3 years)
Starters Lost: None
Starters Returning (5): Brian Allen, G, 6-2/Soph. (8.9 ppg), Tom Hovasse, F, 6-7/Soph. (12.7 ppg, 5.1 rpg, 82.1 FT%), Paul Murphy, G, 6-2/Sr. (10.1 ppg, 3.1 apg), Jim Newcomer, C, 6-10/Soph. (4.1 ppg), Mike Peapos, F-C, 6-8/Jr. (7.8 ppg, 5.8 rpg)
Other Returnees: Christian Applaman, G, 6-6/Soph., Bruce Blake, F, 6-5/Soph., Carl Chrabascz, F, 6-8/Sr. (9.5 ppg, 4 rpg, 55.7 FG%), Kip DeVitt, F, 6-6/Sr., Wes Jones, F, 6-4/Sr. (5.9 ppg, 5 rpg), Paul Madison, G, 6-1/Soph., Bill Pollock, C, 6-10/Jr. (3 ppg), Tony Ward, G, 6-0/Jr. (10.2 ppg, 4 apg in 12 games before becoming academically ineligible)
Newcomers: Ed Fogell, F, 6-8/Fr. (RS/back), Rodney Henderson, F, 6-6/Fr., Mike Iuzzolino, G, 6-0/Fr., Darrel Rocks, G, 6-3/Fr.
1985-86 Record: 12-17, Atlantic 10: 5-13/9th
Site: University Park, Pa.

1986-87 Schedule

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|-------------------|-----|--------------------|-----|
| AM Classic | N28 | At St. Bonaventure | J25 |
| At Rhode Island | D4 | At West Virginia | J28 |
| Loyola (Md.) | D7 | St. Joseph's | J31 |
| Lehigh | D10 | Rhode Island | F1 |
| At Vermont | D13 | At Duquesne | F6 |
| Junata (Pa.) | D20 | West Virginia | F7 |
| Lock Haven (Pa.) | D27 | At Massachusetts | F9 |
| At East Carolina | D30 | Duquesne | F12 |
| Massachusetts | J5 | St. Bonaventure | F14 |
| George Washington | J8 | At St. Joseph's | F17 |
| At Temple | J15 | At Rutgers | F21 |
| Rutgers | J19 | At Temple | F24 |

Rhode Island (Rams)

Coach: To be announced
Starters Lost (1): Bryan Mitchell, F, 10-8 ppg
Others Lost: Todd Bozeman, G (4.8 ppg in 5 games left team), Jesse Long, F, 6-6/Jr. (transfer Southern Conn. State), Gavin Scott, F (4 ppg, 2.8 rpg)
Starters Returning (4): Bonzie Colson, C, 6-9/Soph. (4.5 ppg, 4 rpg), Tom Garrick, G, 6-2/Jr. (8.6 ppg), Carlton Owens, G, 6-0/Jr. (15.6 ppg, 2.5 rpg, 4.3 apg), Dennis Tabisz, F, 6-9/Jr. (3.3 ppg, 2.9 rpg)
Other Returnees: William Alston, G, 6-1/Soph. (5.4 ppg), Ric Blevins, F, 6-7/Soph. (5.7 ppg, 2 rpg), John Evans, F, 6-5/Soph. (8.5 ppg, 4.4 rpg), Kenny Green, F, 6-7/Fr. (7 ppg, 5.6 rpg in five games before RS/thumb); Chris Scott, C, 6-9/Sr. (3.5 ppg, 3 rpg)
Newcomers: Jimmy Christian, G, 6-3/Jr. (transfer/Boston University), Andre Green, F, 6-7/Fr.; Brian Walker, F, 6-7/Fr.
1985-86 Record: 9-19, Atlantic 10: 5-13/18th
Site: Kingston, R.I.

1986-87 Schedule

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|-----------------------|-----|----------------------|-----|
| Conn. Bank & Trust Tr | N28 | Rutgers | J17 |
| Penn State | D4 | At St. Bonaventure | J19 |
| At Providence | D6 | At West Virginia | J24 |
| Bryant (R.I.) | D8 | At Duquesne | J26 |
| At Connecticut | D11 | George Washington | J29 |
| New Hampshire | D13 | At Penn State | F1 |
| Stonham (Mass.) | D20 | At Temple | F5 |
| Assumption Mass | D22 | Massachusetts | F7 |
| Brown | D30 | At St. Joseph's | F12 |
| Temple | J3 | At Rutgers | F14 |
| St. Joseph's | J5 | At George Washington | F19 |
| West Virginia | J8 | Duquesne | F21 |
| At Massachusetts | J12 | St. Bonaventure | F24 |

"He showed he's ready to go," Satalin said. "He's more at ease with himself now; he's at peace with himself. The resurgence of Sellers gives us high hopes."

Satalin is counting on Sellers to pick up the slack left by the loss of all-conference guard Rick Suder, the league's leading scorer (20.4 average) last season.

"Hopefully, we're at the point where we won't fall apart just because we lost our top scorer," Satalin said. "We have a lot of guys who played last year, and we brought in some young players who can help us. We have numbers. At the end of the year we could be a pretty good team."

Satalin will use Sellers at point guard and Collins Dobbs, who is coming off an ankle injury that wrecked his sophomore season, at off-guard. Brian Shanahan, the team's assists leader last year, could move to small forward and compete with Ronnie Stevenson.

Jim Balog and Adam Sarson will share time at center, and a pair of promising freshmen, Kevin McCarthy and Pete Freeman, will split duties at power forward.

The league's mystery team is Penn State, which was crippled by injuries, academic casualties and defections last season. If Coach Bruce Parkhill can keep everybody healthy and in school, the Nittany Lions could post their first winning record since 1983.

"We feel good about things as long as we're healthy," Parkhill said. "If our personnel situation is solid, we feel we're going to be a solid ball club."

The low point of last season came January 9. Star rookie forward Tom Hovasse broke his finger in pregame practice and was out for 13 games, and starting center Bill Pollock then suffered a season-ending knee injury in the game against Rhode Island. But both players are back, along with guard Tony Ward, who has regained academic eligibility, and forward Ed Fogell, a medical redshirt.

Fighting for starting jobs will be guards Paul Murphy and Brian Allen, center Jim Newcomer, forward-center Mike Peapos and forwards Wes Jones and Carl Chrabascz. Flashy freshman point guard Mike Iuzzolino will push the veterans.

St. Bonaventure has a new coach, Ron DeCarli, and three returning starters—guard Elmer Anderson and forwards Sam Graham and Albert Middleton. The Bonnies don't have an accomplished center, but they have a number of candidates in Tom Boney, Patrick Allen and 7-foot Mark Erb.

"There is no question we aren't awesome inside," DeCarli said, "but we're solid with the versatility we have. It's a matter of motivating these men to reach the level of ability they do have."

Marquette transfer Richard McCormick should start at guard, while Rocky Llewellyn, a pleasant surprise as a fresh-

man last season, will try to replace All-Atlantic 10 forward Barry Munger.

Freshman guard Rob Ferguson is part of the depth that DeCarli needs to employ his pressure defense and fast-break attack.

George Washington's outlook brightened considerably when forward-center Steve Frick accepted a fifth year of eligibility. Frick had missed most of his sophomore season with a dislocated collarbone.

"Having Steve back is a luxury we weren't counting on," Coach John Kuester said.

Kuester also is looking forward to the return of forward Moti Daniel, redshirt center Max Blank, who has had two knee operations in the last two years, and Minnesota transfer Gerald Jackson. Several freshmen could contribute, too.

"This is a team that could surprise a lot of people quickly," Kuester said, "or it could be a team that is a disappointment."

The biggest disappointment last season had to be Rutgers, where Coach Craig Littlepage was frustrated by forward Eric Riggins' erratic play and center Lloyd Moore's weight problem.

"If they both play as well as they can play," Littlepage said, "we could do something."

The Scarlet Knights were a dismal 8-21 in Littlepage's debut. That record marked the school's first losing record since 1964 and the second-highest total of losses in 74 years of Rutgers basketball.

Joining Riggins and Moore up front will be Ed Zucker and Anthony Duckett, who led the team in rebounding as a freshman despite being hampered by a groin injury much of last season. Steve Brown and Rick Dadika form a potent backcourt.

When it comes to guards, Massachusetts boasts two of the league's finest, Carl Smith and Lorenzo Sutton. Smith, the school's all-time assists leader, dished off 191 last season to top the league. Sutton is the scorer (17.8 average), either popping in jumpers or driving to the hoop.

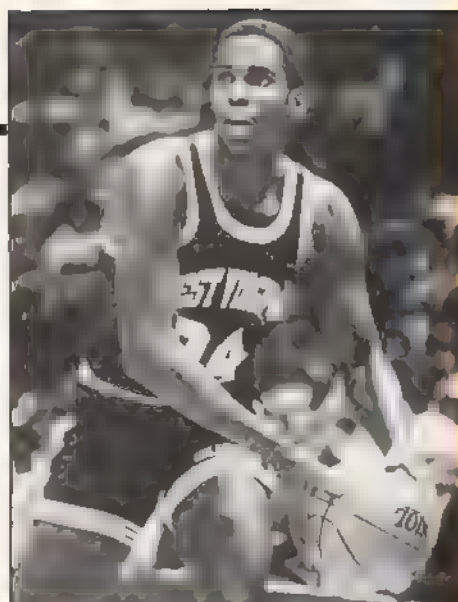
The backcourt can hold its own in the Atlantic 10, but Coach Ron Gerlufsen doesn't have the big people to make the Minutemen a contender.

In a league stocked with outstanding guards, Rhode Island's Carlton Owens might be the most dangerous. Owens led the Rams in scoring, assists, free-throw shooting, steals and minutes played.

The Rams also return forward John Evans, who shared league Rookie of the Year honors with West Virginia's Prue. Forward Kenny Green, who broke his thumb early last season, will help.

"We should be better," Coach Brendan Malone said before leaving to become an assistant coach for the New York Knicks, "but the league looks stronger this year."

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West Virginia's Darryl Prue.

St. Joseph's (Hawks)

Coach: Jim Boyle (105-45, 5 years)

Starters Lost (3): Geoff Arnold, G (8.9 ppg, 2.8 rpg, 4.2 apg); Maurice Martin, G-F (17.8 ppg, 5.8 rpg, 3.2 apg, 1.8 spg); Dave Slattery, F (5 ppg, 3.2 rpg).

Starters Returning (2): Rodney Blake, C, 6-6/Jr. (13.5 ppg, 7.1 rpg, 3.8 bpg, 55 FG%); Greg Mukoo, F, 6-7/Sr. (17 ppg, 7.4 rpg, 3.3 apg, 65 FT%).

Other Returnees: Kevin Baggatt, G, 6-5/Soph.; Jim Carr, F, 6-8/Jr.; Jack Concannon, F, 6-6/Sr.; James Flint, G, 5-10/Sr. (4.1 ppg); Brian Leahy, G, 6-5/Soph. (2.3 ppg); James Owens, F, 6-8/Soph. (RS, shoulders); Wayne Williams, G, 6-3/Sr. (13 ppg, 4.2 rpg, 61.8 FG%).

Newcomers: Al Glass, G, 6-3/Fr.; Mike Shaak, F, 6-8/Fr.; Henry Smith, F, 6-5/Soph. (transfer/Ohio University); Terone Thornton, F, 6-8/Soph. (transfer/South Carolina).

1985-86 Record: 26-6; Atlantic 10, 16-2/1st
Site: Philadelphia.

1986-87 Schedule

| | | | |
|--------------------|-----|----------------------|-----|
| MC Tournament | N29 | Pennsylvania | J27 |
| At Cleveland State | D3 | Rutgers | J29 |
| At Drexel | D8 | At Penn State | J31 |
| West Virginia | D8 | St. Bonaventure | F2 |
| Joist's Classic | D28 | George Washington | F5 |
| Duquesne | J3 | At Temple | F7 |
| At Rhode Island | J5 | Rhode Island | F12 |
| At Duke | J7 | Massachusetts | F15 |
| Duquesne | J10 | Penn State | F17 |
| At St. Bonaventure | J15 | Villanova | F19 |
| Temple | J18 | At George Washington | F21 |
| At Rutgers | J22 | At West Virginia | F25 |
| At Massachusetts | J24 | | |

Rutgers (Scarlet Knights)

Coach: Craig Littlepage (8-21, 1 year)

Starters Lost: None

Others Lost: Bailey Alston, G, 6-3/Soph. (transfer)
Starters Returning (5): Steve Brown, G, 6-0/Sr. (8.1 ppg, 4.3 apg); Anthony Duckett, F, 6-6/Soph. (8.4 ppg, 6.1 rpg); Lloyd Moore, C, 6-9, 280/Sr. (8.4 ppg, 5.1 rpg); Eric Riggins, F, 6-8/Sr. (15.7 ppg, 5.1 rpg); Ed Zucker, F, 6-7/Sr. (8.2 ppg, 4 rpg).

Other Returnees: Darren Campbell, G, 6-5/Sr. (5.4 ppg); Rick Dadika, G, 6-2/Soph. (6.9 ppg, 5.1 3 FG%); Myles Dixon, G, 6-2/Soph. (2.1 ppg); Mark Peterson, C, 6-9, 245/Jr.; Emory Ward, F, 6-6/Soph. (4.7 ppg, 3.9 rpg).

Newcomers: Tom Everson, F-C, 6-10/Fr.; Robert Johnson, G, 6-2/Jr. (JC); Lee Perry, F, 6-7/Fr.; Steve Watson, F, 6-7/Fr.

1985-86 Record: 8-21; Atlantic 10, 2-16/10th
Site: New Brunswick, N.J.

1986-87 Schedule

| | | | |
|-----------------------|-----|----------------------|-----|
| Rider | N29 | At Penn State | J19 |
| Lafayette | D3 | St. Joseph's | J22 |
| At Duquesne | D8 | Duquesne | J24 |
| At St. Bonaventure | D8 | At Temple | J26 |
| Seton Hall | D13 | At St. Joseph's | J29 |
| Princeton | D20 | St. Bonaventure | J31 |
| West Virginia | D22 | Xavier | F2 |
| ECAC Holiday Festival | D27 | At George Washington | F7 |
| At Louisville | J3 | At Va. Commonwealth | F8 |
| Temple | J10 | Massachusetts | F12 |
| At Massachusetts | J15 | Rhode Island | F14 |
| At Rhode Island | J17 | At West Virginia | F19 |
| *Meadowlands | | Penn State | F21 |
| **Providence, R | | George Washington | F23 |

Temple (Owls)

Coach: John Chaney (90-32, 4 years)

Starters Lost (1): Ed Coe, G (15.6 ppg, 5.7 rpg, 81.6 FT%).

Others Lost: Kevin Clifton, F (2.6 ppg, 2 rpg, 88.2 FT%).

Starters Returning (4): Nate Blackwell, G, 8-4/Sr. (13.1 ppg, 3.9 rpg, 5.1 apg, 79.1 FT%); Howard Evans, G, 6-1/Jr. (12 ppg, 2.8 rpg, 5.1 apg, 1.7 spg, 87.8 FT%); Tim Perry, C, 6-9/Jr. (11.6 ppg, 9.5 rpg, 4 bpg, 58.6 FG%); Ramon Rives, C, 6-10, 280/Jr. (5.9 ppg, 3.8 rpg).

Other Returnees: Derrick Brantley, F, 6-7/Jr. (4.9 ppg, 2.5 rpg); Jerome O'Connell, G, 6-3/Jr.; Darrin Pearsall, F, 6-7/Soph.; Mike Vreeswyk, F, 6-7/Soph.

Newcomers: Duane Causwell, C, 6-11/Fr.; Tom Katsikas, F, 6-6/Fr.

1985-86 Record: 25-6; Atlantic 10, 15-3/T2nd
Site: Philadelphia.

1986-87 Schedule

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|--------------------------|-----|-----------------------|-----|
| At Virginia | N21 | At St. Joseph's | J18 |
| At La Salle | D2 | Massachusetts | J21 |
| Drexel | D4 | At Alabama-Birmingham | J24 |
| Pennsylvania | D10 | Rutgers | J26 |
| At St. Bonaventure | D13 | Duquesne | J29 |
| UCLA | D15 | At Massachusetts | F2 |
| At Villanova | D20 | Rhode Island | F5 |
| Blade Glass City Classic | D29 | St. Joseph's | F7 |
| At Rhode Island | J5 | At George Washington | F9 |
| George Washington | J5 | At West Virginia | F14 |
| At Kansas | J8 | At Duquesne | F16 |
| At Rutgers | J10 | St. Bonaventure | F19 |
| Penn State | J15 | West Virginia | F22 |
| *Coca-Cola NIT | | At Penn State | F24 |

St. Bonaventure (Bonnies)

Coach: Ron DeCarli (first year at St. Bonaventure)

Starters Lost (2): Barry Munger, F (17.1 ppg, 7.3 rpg); Doug Turner, G (11.5 ppg, 2.8 rpg, 4 apg, 2.6 spg, 82.4 FT%).

Starters Returning (3): Elmer Anderson, G, 6-2/Sr. (12.2 ppg, 2.2 rpg, 5.5 apg, 2.5 spg); Sam Graham, F, 6-7/Soph. (3.7 ppg, 2.9 rpg); Albert Middleton, F, 6-3/Jr. (5.4 ppg, 2.6 rpg).

Other Returnees: Patrick Allen, C, 6-9, Jr. (5.8 ppg, 3.6 rpg in five games before RS/finger); Tom Boney, C, 6-8/Sr. (2.3 ppg, 2.5 rpg); Mark Erb, C, 7-0/Soph.; Rocky Llewellyn, F, 6-6/Soph. (9.3 ppg, 4.2 rpg); Darren Quinlan, G, F, 6-4/Sr. (7.2 ppg, 2.3 rpg); Mike Wager, F, 6-9/Soph. (RS).

Newcomers: Darryl Farmer, F, 6-7/Fr.; Rob Ferguson, G, 6-1/Fr.; Richard McCormick, G, 6-3/Jr. (transfer/Marquette); Blaine Russell, G, 6-3/Jr. (JC).

1985-86 Record: 15-13; Atlantic 10, 10-8/4th
Site: St. Bonaventure, N.Y.

1986-87 Schedule

| | | | |
|------------------------|-----|-------------------|-----|
| Lock Haven (Pa.) | N30 | St. Joseph's | J15 |
| Niagara | D3 | At Rhode Island | J19 |
| At West Virginia | D6 | George Washington | J24 |
| Rutgers | D8 | Penn State | J25 |
| Syracuse | D11 | At Massachusetts | J29 |
| Temple | D13 | At Rutgers | J31 |
| East Stroudsburg (Pa.) | D16 | At St. Joseph's | F2 |
| At Canisius | D20 | West Virginia | F5 |
| Arizona Classic | D29 | Duquesne | F7 |
| Cornell | J5 | At Penn State | F14 |
| Messiah | J6 | At Temple | F19 |
| At Duquesne | J8 | Massachusetts | F21 |
| At George Washington | J11 | At Rhode Island | F23 |

West Virginia (Mountaineers)

Coach: Gale Catlett (166-80, 8 years)

Starters Lost (3): Dale Blaney, G (17 ppg, 8.4 5 FT%); Renardo Brown, F (9.1 ppg, 5.7 rpg); Holman Harley, G (8.1 ppg, 4.5 apg, 1.8 spg, 86.5 FT%).

Others Lost: Vernon Odom, G (5.9 ppg).

Starters Returning (2): Darrall Pinckney, C, 6-9/Sr. (5.8 ppg, 6 rpg); Darryl Prue, F, 6-7/Soph. (7.8 ppg, 5.7 rpg).

Other Returnees: Herbie Brooks, G, 6-2/Soph. (2.4 ppg); J.J. Crawl, G, 6-1/Sr. (RS); Billy Joe Ratliff, F, 6-6/Soph.; Eric Semisch, F-C, 6-8/Sr. (2.9 ppg); Lyle Shannon, C, 6-4/Jr. (JC); Wayne Yearwood, F, 6-7/Sr. (8.9 ppg, 4.5 rpg).

Newcomers: Steve Berger, G, 5-10/Fr.; John Bonestell, F, 6-8/Fr. (RS); John Miller, G-F, 6-5/Fr.; Kirk Seely, G, 6-4/Jr. (JC); Tyrone Shaw, F, 6-7/Jr. (Georgia, Mam St. JC); Brett Vincant, G, 5-11/Fr.

1985-86 Record: 22-11; Atlantic 10, 15-3/T2nd
Site: Morgantown, W. Va.

1986-87 Schedule

| | | | |
|----------------------|-----|--------------------|-----|
| George Mason | N29 | At Notre Dame | J17 |
| James Madison | D3 | Massachusetts | J19 |
| St. Bonaventure | D8 | Rhode Island | J24 |
| At St. Joseph's | D8 | Penn State | J28 |
| Virginia Tech | D10 | At Duquesne | J31 |
| At Pittsburgh | D13 | Alabama-Birmingham | F3 |
| At Rutgers | D22 | At St. Bonaventure | F5 |
| Marshall | D27 | At Penn State | F7 |
| At Fresno State | J30 | George Washington | F12 |
| Duquesne | J4 | Temple | F14 |
| At Rhode Island | D8 | Rutgers | F19 |
| At Massachusetts | J10 | At Temple | F22 |
| At George Washington | J15 | St. Joseph's | F25 |

Northeastern Has Guns Loaded For Another Title Defense

By DONN ESMONDE

When Nick Macarchuk was hired in 1977, the plight of Canisius basketball was so dismal that the school almost dropped the program instead.

The Golden Griffins were coming off a 3-22 season and two years of NCAA probation for recruiting violations. School officials pondered a drop to Division III or even the elimination of the sport at Canisius altogether. But they decided to give Macarchuk, a rookie college head coach, a chance to turn the program around.

Nine years later, Canisius still fields a basketball team. Macarchuk's first squad went 7-19, but that was the last season you could count the number of Griffin victories on two hands. Canisius won 21 games last year, 20 the year before and 19 in two of the previous three seasons. The Griffins were ECAC North Atlantic co-champions in 1985, earning them a trip to the National Invitation Tournament, and were second last season.

There is no more talk at the small Jesuit school of leaving Division I.

"Now every good local kid considers us," Macarchuk said. "We may not get the best one, but we can get the second-best."

The Griffins may have trouble posting a third consecutive 20-victory season, though. Four key seniors are gone, including all-conference forward Tim Harvey, who started only seven games last winter. In addition, the schedule is the most demanding in school history, with no non-Division I opponents for the first time.

Leading the Griffins are 6-foot-7 forward-center Chris Heinold, guard Brian Smith and forward Grady Minick. If one of Macarchuk's recruits (most likely 6-10 Mike Brown) can take over at center, Heinold will be more effective playing forward this year.

Forward Marvin Bailey, the Griffins' most promising newcomer in years, will be expected to provide much-needed rebounding support. Macarchuk's oldest son, Nick, will try to fend off challenges for the point guard job from redshirt freshman Jamel Mosley and senior Michael Ray Jackson.

As usual, Northeastern is favored to win the league title. The Huskies have won or shared the crown in six of the last seven seasons, and all five starters return from last year's 26-5 squad.

The Huskies have a new coach in Karl Fogel, who was promoted from associate coach after Jim Calhoun went to Connecticut. His top player is senior forward Reggie Lewis, a two-time conference Player of the Year. (See related story, page 129.)

Lewis' supporting cast is impressive, too. All-conference point guard Andre LaFleur, who topped the league in assists, and guard John Williams are good scorers. Forward Wes Fuller was the Most

Valuable Player in the league tournament last season, and junior Kevin McDuffie is as good as any center in the conference.

As if the incumbents weren't enough, the Huskies' newcomers include South Carolina transfer Derrick Lewis and junior college recruit Greg Harrison, who also played at Duquesne.

Boston University may have the best chance of making a run at Northeastern. The Terriers tied a school record by winning 21 games last year, advanced to the league tournament finals and earned an NIT bid, making Coach Mike Jarvis' rookie season an impressive one.

Boston U. returns all-conference guard Drederick Irving (the league's No. 2 scorer) and a point guard tandem of Tony DaCosta and Jeff Timberlake. Forwards Paul Hendricks and Larry Jones are returning starters up front.

Niagara had the league's worst defense last year, which explains the Purple Eagles' 14-14 record in Coach Andy Walker's first season. Walker hopes that the return of four starters familiar with his system signals improvement in that area.

Leading the way is all-conference forward-center Joe Arlauckas, who could be even more effective if 7-foot Michele Pontalti develops into a strong center.

First-year Siena Coach Mike Deane, a Michigan State assistant who was hired after John Griffin went into private business, inherits a team that lost three starters and returns no reserve who averaged more than 3.2 points. The Indians will rally around talented point guard Matt Brady, the school's career assists leader, and forward Steve McCoy, the league's Rookie of the Year.

Hartford achieved respectability last season, its second in Division I, by finishing in a tie for fifth place. Four players who saw considerable playing time return, with guard Anthony Moye expected to be Coach Jack Phelan's biggest offensive contributor. Freshman Wilbert Frazier should add necessary muscle up front.

Gerry Friel's 18th season as New Hampshire coach may be among his less memorable. The graduation of his two best players, Dirk Koopman and Ted DiGrande, leaves only forward Greg Steele as a returning front-line starter. New Hampshire's strength is its backcourt, particularly if sophomore Derek Counts can avoid the injury bug this year.

The adoption of the three-point field goal should help Maine, which relies on perimeter shooting. Swingman Jeff Holmes and guard Matt Rossignol both have a nice touch. Forward-center Mike Bittermann is better off at forward, so Coach Tom Chappelle is hoping that 6-8 Amadou Barry of Senegal or 6-10 Todd Taylor can fill the void at center.

Coach Tom Brennan arrives at Vermont after four years at Yale determined

to make the Catamounts run. But two 1,000-point career scorers (Howard Hudson and John Simko) are gone, leaving 6-10 center Joe Calavita with much of the scoring burden. Forward Bill Brennan (no relation to the coach), swingman Rob Zinn and guard Tom O'Shea will be charged with keeping the Catamounts' offense moving.

Another school with a new coach is Colgate, which has won just one of its last 55 conference games. Joe Baker will have the Red Raiders playing less deliberately than in recent years. Forward Bob Bamford is the best of four returning starters. ■

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Boston University (Terriers)

Coach: Mike Jarvis (21-10, 1 year)

Starters Lost (1): Tom Ivey, C (8.1 ppg, 6.7 rpg)
Others Lost: Dwayne Vinson, G (10.9 ppg, 3.1 rpg, 79.7 FT%)

Starters Returning (4): Tony DaCosta, G, 5-10/Soph. (6.3 ppg), Paul Hendricks, F, 6-8/Sr. (10.7 ppg, 6.4 rpg); Drederick Irving, G, 6-3/Jr. (18 ppg, 2.8 rpg, 79.1 FT%), Larry Jones, F, 6-6/Jr. (8.4 ppg, 5.7 rpg, 53.9 FG%)

Other Returners: Alvin Daniels, G, 6-0, Jr. Peter Gabriele, F-C, 6-7/Sr. (2.8 ppg, 3.1 rpg) Isaac Kodsi, C, 6-7, 240/Jr.; Jeff Timberlake, G, 5-11/Soph. (4.9 ppg, 4.6 rpg, 82.1 FT%)

Newcomers: Francis Kalitzi, C, 6-9/Fr. Steve Key, G, 6-4/Fr., David King, F, 6-8, Fr. Scott White, F, 6-7/Fr. Curtis Williams, F, 6-4/Fr. (RS/grades).

1985-86 Record: 21-10; ECAC North 13-5/3rd.
Site: Boston.

1986-87 Schedule

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|-----------------------|-----|------------------|-----|
| IPATY Tournament | N28 | At Hartford | J24 |
| At Massachusetts | D4 | Colgate | J26 |
| Salem State (Mass.) | D8 | Niagara | J29 |
| Connecticut | D9 | Canisius | J31 |
| At Colgate | D11 | At New Hampshire | F3 |
| Kentucky Invitational | D19 | New Hampshire | F7 |
| At Syracuse | D30 | Vermont | F10 |
| At Siena | J2 | At Northeastern | F14 |
| At Vermont | J4 | At Niagara | F19 |
| Maine | J7 | At Canisius | F21 |
| Hartford | J10 | Siena | F25 |
| At Maine | J17 | Northeastern | F28 |
| At Drexel | J19 | | |

Bold face denotes conference-leading totals.

Canisius (Golden Griffins)

Coach: Nick Macarchuk (133-116, 9 years)

Starters Lost (1): Derrick Russell, F (5.4 ppg, 3.4 rpg, 64.3 FG%)

Others Lost: Lamont Gilbert, F (7.6 ppg, 3.5 rpg), Tim Harvey, F (10.8 ppg, 7.8 rpg), Eyal Yaffe, G.

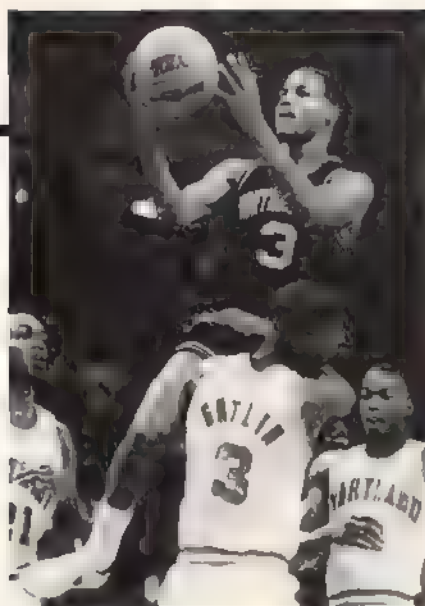
Starters Returning (4): Chris Heinold, F-C, 6-7/Sr. (9.2 ppg, 4 rpg); Nick Macarchuk Jr., G, 6-3/Jr.; Grady Minick, F, 6-3/Soph. (8.7 ppg, 2.9 rpg); Brian Smith, G, 6-2/Jr. (10.8 ppg, 4 rpg)

Other Returners: Dwight Garrett, F, 6-8, Soph. (2.3 ppg); Michael Ray Jackson, G, 6-1/Sr. (6.5 ppg, 2.3 rpg, 3.6 ppg); Jerry Kopydowski, C, 6-7/Soph. John Kornet, F, 6-7/Jr. Jeff Taggart, G, 6-3/Soph.

Newcomers: Marvin Bailey, F, 6-5/Soph. (JC/RS); Mike Brown, C, 6-10, Jr. transfer Rutgers; Chris Edwards, C, 6-9/Jr. (transfer/Fordham); Jame Mosley, G, 6-4/Fr. (RS); Mike O'Sullivan, C, 5-9/Fr. (wild RS)
1985-86 Record: 21-8, ECAC North: 14-4/2nd.
Site: Buffalo

1986-87 Schedule

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|------------------------|-----|----------------------|-----|
| Iona | N29 | New Hampshire | J19 |
| Cleveland State | D6 | Siena | J22 |
| Buffalo | D11 | Vermont | J24 |
| At Syracuse | D13 | At Maine | J29 |
| St. Bonaventure | D20 | At Boston University | J31 |
| At Cornell | D22 | Maine | F5 |
| At Cleveland State | D28 | Northeastern | F7 |
| At Bowling Green State | D30 | Hartford | F10 |
| Colgate | J2 | At Colgate | F12 |
| At Siena | J4 | At Niagara | F14 |
| At New Hampshire | J8 | At Vermont | F18 |
| At Northeastern | J10 | Boston University | F21 |
| Bowling Green State | J13 | Niagara | F28 |
| At Hartford | J16 | | |



Northeastern's Andre LaFleur.

Maine (Black Bears)

Coach: Tom Chappella (194-193, 15 years).
Starters Lost (1): Rich Henry, F (13.9 ppg, 7.2 rpg, 51.3 FG%).
Others Lost: Charles Bunker, C (4.3 ppg, 4 rpg).
Starters Returning (4): Mike Bittermann, F-C, 6 7/Soph (8.4 ppg 6.5 rpg), Jim Boylen G 6 2/Sr (13.6 ppg 3.6 rpg 4.9 apg, 2.5 spg) Jeff Holmes, G F 6 4/Jr (9 ppg 3.6 rpg 82.9 FT%). Matt Rosignol G 6 0/Soph (9.2 ppg 9.3 1 FT%).
Other Returnees: Amodou Barry, C, 6-8, 250/Fr (RS/knee after one game) Curt Hollmann, F, 6-7/Jr, Michael LaPlante F 6 6/Soph, Todd Taylor F-C, 6-10/Soph, Allyn Zanchi F 6 8/Soph.
Newcomers: Howard Burrell G 6 0/Fr, Keith Kinard, F 6 3/Fr, Dan Smith, F-C 6 9/Fr, Dean Smith G 6 2/Fr, Peter Switzer, C 6 9/Fr.
1985-86 Record: 7-20, ECAC North 5-13/17th.
Site: Orono, Me.

1986-87 Schedule

| | | | |
|----------------------|-----|---------------------------|-----|
| Michigan State | D4 | Colgate | J31 |
| At Ulica | D6 | At Central Connecticut | F2 |
| At Boston College | D11 | At Canisius | F6 |
| La Salle | D13 | At Niagara | F7 |
| At Providence | D27 | Central Connecticut State | F11 |
| Northeastern | J2 | Siena | F12 |
| At Boston University | J7 | Vermont | F14 |
| At New Hampshire | J10 | At Siena | F19 |
| Niagara | J12 | At Colgate | F21 |
| Boston University | J17 | At Dartmouth | F23 |
| At Hartford | J20 | New Hampshire | F25 |
| At Northeastern | J24 | At Vermont | F28 |
| Hartford | J27 | | |
| Canisius | J29 | | |

Northeastern (Huskies)

Coach: Karl Fogel (first year at Northeastern).
Starters Lost: None.
Others Lost: Enndy Baquiat G (2 8 ppg), Ernie Hall F 6 7/Soph (dismissed from team).
Starters Returning (5): Wes Fuller, F, 6-5/Sr (9 8 ppg, 7.6 rpg), Andre LaFleur, G, 6-3/Sr (10.8 ppg, 6.6 apg, 2.3 spg 82 FT%, Reggie Lewis, F 6 7/Sr (23.8 ppg, 9.3 rpg, 2.8 apg, 2.1 bpg, 80.3 FT%), Kevin McDuffie, C, 6-8, 235/Jr (9 ppg, 6.2 rpg), John Williams, G, 6-2/Jr (13.5 ppg, 3 4 rpg).
Other Returnees: Gerry Corcoran, C, 6-8, 235/Sr (2 7 ppg, 3.5 rpg), Sheldon Henriquez, F, 6-7/Sr, Eric Skeen, G, 6-3/Jr.
Newcomers: Greg Harrison, F, 6-8/Jr (Duquesne, JC), Rodney Jackson G 6 0/Fr, Derrick Lewis G 6 4/Soph (transfer/S. Carolina), Howard Tinker G, 6-2/Fr.
1985-86 Record: 26-5 ECAC North: 16-2/1st.
Site: Boston.

1986-87 Schedule

| | | | |
|-----------------------|-----|----------------------|-----|
| Green Alaska Shootout | N28 | Maine | J24 |
| At East Carolina | D1 | At Vermont | J28 |
| Cornell Classic | D5 | Niagara | J31 |
| At Massachusetts | D13 | At Niagara | F5 |
| Josten's Tournament | D26 | At Canisius | F7 |
| At Maine | J2 | At Colgate | F9 |
| At New Hampshire | J4 | Boston University | F14 |
| Hartford | J6 | Colgate | F18 |
| Canisius | J10 | At Siena | F21 |
| At Hartford | J13 | Vermont | F25 |
| Siena | J17 | At Boston University | F28 |
| New Hampshire | J22 | | |

Colgate (Red Raiders)

Coach: Joe Baker (first year at Colgate).
Starters Lost (1): Brad Crooks, C (6.5 ppg, 4 1 rpg).
Others Lost: Tad Brown G-F (12 ppg, 6 rpg in four games), Dave Conforti G (2 ppg), Matt Lisle F.
Starters Returning (4): Bob Bamford, F 6-6/Sr (13 8 ppg, 6 2 rpg, 1 8 spg, 1 5 bpg), Richard Baum G F 6 4/Soph (5 7 ppg, 2 2 rpg), Mike Boswell, G 5 11/Sr (5 3 ppg, 2 7 rpg, 3 4 apg), Craig Gorceyca G-F 6 3/Soph (7 5 ppg, 4 2 rpg).
Other Returnees: Jason Baniot G F 6-4/Soph (3 6 ppg), Dave Crittenden G 6 1/Soph (3 6 ppg), Tom Fanning C 6 8/Jr, Josh Farrell G 5 11/Sr (6 ppg in three games before RS/foot), Eric Jent T 6 6/Jr, (2 ppg), Byron Micheli, F, 6 6/Jr (3 1 ppg).
Newcomers: Marc Crique, G 6 4/Fr, Tim Howard, G 6-1/Fr, Kevin O'Shaughnessy, C, 6 8/Fr, Tim Willard F 6 3/Fr.
1985-86 Record: 1-24, ECAC North 0-18/9th.
Site: Hamilton, N.Y.

1986-87 Schedule

| | | | |
|------------------------|-----|----------------------|-----|
| Lafayette | N29 | Hartford | J22 |
| At Hamilton (N.Y.) | D1 | At New Hampshire | J24 |
| At Hofstra Tournament | D5 | At Boston University | J28 |
| Boston University | D11 | At Maine | J31 |
| At Xavier | D23 | Siena | F4 |
| U-T Chattanooga Tourn. | D29 | At Siena | F7 |
| At Canisius | J2 | Northeastern | F9 |
| At Niagara | J4 | Canisius | F12 |
| At Vermont | J7 | At Northeastern | F18 |
| Niagara | J10 | Maine | F21 |
| Cornell | J13 | At Hartford | F24 |
| Manhattanville (N.Y.) | J15 | New Hampshire | F28 |
| Vermont | J17 | | |

New Hampshire (Wildcats)

Coach: Gerry Friel (178-284, 17 years).
Starters Lost (2): Ted D'Grande F (9.4 ppg, 4 8 rpg), Dirk Koopman C (14.2 ppg, 8 rpg, 53.3 FG%).
Others Lost: Ty Bridge, F (4.4 ppg, 2 3 rpg), Pat Gavin F, Rodney Johnson G (7 9 ppg, 8.5 1 FT%).
Starters Returning (3): Todd Black, G 6 3/Sr (8 5 ppg), Andrew Johnston, G 6 0/Sr (7.4 ppg, 3 9 apg), Greg Stearns F 6 7/Sr (7 6 ppg, 3 5 rpg).
Other Returnees: Derek Counts, G 5-10/Soph, Keith Minderie, C 6 8/Jr, Dave Marshall, F 6 7/Soph, Bran Spano F-C, 6 9/Soph.
Newcomers: Keith Carpenter G F 6 4/Fr, Tommy Hammet G 6 2/Fr, Mark Hauser F, 6-8/Fr (from West Germany), Kenny Kinder F 6-5/Fr, Mike Lunney G 6 0/Fr, Bill McDonough, F, 6-6/Fr, Chris Perkins F 6 7/Fr.
1985-86 Record: 11-17, ECAC North 5-13/17th.
Site: Durham, N.H.

1986-87 Schedule

| | | | |
|-----------------|-----|----------------------|-----|
| Brown | N29 | At Northeastern | J22 |
| Boston College | D1 | Colgate | J24 |
| At Harvard | D6 | At Siena | J27 |
| At Yale | D9 | Holy Cross | J29 |
| Massachusetts | D11 | At Vermont | J31 |
| At Rhode Island | D13 | Boston University | F3 |
| At Fairfield | D30 | At Boston University | F7 |
| Hartford | J2 | Niagara | F10 |
| Northeastern | J4 | Siena | F14 |
| Canisius | J8 | At Hartford | F17 |
| Maine | J10 | Vermont | F22 |
| Dartmouth | J13 | At Maine | F25 |
| At Niagara | J17 | At Colgate | F28 |
| At Canisius | J19 | | |

Siena (Indians)

Coach: Mike Deane (first year at Siena).
Starters Lost (3): Eric Banks, F (15 7 ppg, 5 rpg, 78 2 FT%), Kevin Brown, C, 6-11/Sr (7 7 ppg, 6 8 rpg, flunked out), Art Tooles G (11 5 ppg, 4 8 rpg, 1 6 spg).
Others Lost: Bill Boesch, G (6 4 ppg, 5 4 FG%).
Starters Returning (2): Matt Brady, G, 6-0/Sr (10 7 ppg, 2 3 rpg, 5 2 apg, 82 FT%), Steve McCoy, F 6 7/Soph (12 4 ppg, 8 6 rpg).
Other Returnees: Nea Curria, G, 6 2/Jr, Eric Fleury, C 7-0, 240/Soph, Monte Henderson, F-C 8 8/Soph, Tom Hopp F, 6 6/Jr, Jeff Holland, F 6-5/Jr (3 2 ppg), Jim Mextorf, F 6-6/Jr, Rick Williams F, 6-2/Soph.
Newcomers: Frank Giunta, G, 5 11/Fr, Jeff Robinson, F 6-5/Fr, Art Smith, F, 6-6/Fr, Dwight Walton F, 6 5/Soph (from Canada).
1985-86 Record: 21-8, ECAC North: 12 6/4th.
Site: Loudonville, N.Y.

1986-87 Schedule

| | | | |
|--------------------|-----|----------------------|-----|
| At Boston College | N28 | At Northeastern | J17 |
| Keene (N.H.) State | N30 | At Canisius | J22 |
| Ulica | D2 | At Niagara | J24 |
| At Ohio State | D4 | New Hampshire | J27 |
| At Fairfield | D8 | Hartford | J31 |
| At Providence | D11 | At Colgate | F4 |
| Quinnipiac (Conn.) | D20 | Colgate | F7 |
| Siena Invitational | D27 | At Maine | F12 |
| Boston University | J2 | At New Hampshire | F14 |
| Canisius | J4 | Maine | F19 |
| Niagara | J7 | Northeastern | F21 |
| At Vermont | J10 | At Boston University | F25 |
| Vermont | J13 | At Hartford | F27 |

Hartford (Hawks)

Coach: Jack Phelan (48-90, 5 years).
Starters Lost (2): Ulysses Garcia G (14 2 ppg, 3 1 apg, 79.3 FT%), Mark Mitchell, C (9 3 ppg, 6 1 rpg, 50.6 FG%).
Starters Returning (3): John Hurlbert, G, 6-1/Sr (7 5 ppg, 2 7 rpg, 3 3 apg, 1 7 spg, 83.9 FT%), Doug McCrory, F 6-4/Jr (7.9 ppg, 5 rpg), Marvin Powell F 6 6/Jr (7 6 ppg, 5 3 rpg).
Other Returnees: Robert Gilmore G F 6 3/Soph (3 ppg, 2 5 rpg), Jeff Hagan F-C, 6-8/Sr, Larry Jenkins, F, 6-3/Jr (6 ppg, 4 5 rpg), Vince Johnson F 6-6/Sr (3 7 ppg, 2 4 rpg), Keith Jones, G 5 9/Soph, Anthony Moye G 6 2/Jr (17 ppg, 8.5 1 FT%).
Newcomers: Mike Daniel F 6 8/Fr, Wilbert Frazier, C 6 7 275 Fr (transfer/San Diego State, RS/grades), Kyle Leeman F, 6 8 235/Fr, Conan McPherson, C, 6-8/Fr, (RS/grades).
1985-86 Record: 12-18, ECAC North 10-5/10th.
Site: Hartford, Conn.

1986-87 Schedule

| | | | |
|-----------------------|-----|-------------------|-----|
| Hartford Invitational | N28 | At Colgate | J22 |
| At Fairfield | D3 | Boston University | J24 |
| The Citadel | D5 | At Maine | J27 |
| Fordham | D8 | At Siena | J31 |
| At Holy Cross | D11 | At Vermont | F7 |
| Central Florida | D13 | At Canisius | F10 |
| At New Mutual Cl. | D29 | Niagara | F12 |
| At New Hampshire | J6 | At Marquette | F14 |
| At Northeastern | J6 | New Hampshire | F17 |
| At Boston University | J10 | At Niagara | F21 |
| Northeastern | J13 | Colgate | F24 |
| Canisius | J16 | Siena | F27 |
| Maine | J20 | | |

Niagara (Purple Eagles)

Coach: Andy Walker (14-14, 1 year).
Starters Lost (1): Joe Alexander, F (15 ppg, 5 1 rpg, 50.7 FG%).
Others Lost: Chris Jonsson, G; Reed Watts, G (4 9 ppg).
Starters Returning (4): Joe Arlucas, F-C 6 8, 235/Sr (16 8 ppg, 8 7 rpg, 52 5 FG%, 2 1 bpg), Gary Bossert G 5 9/Sr (5 7 ppg, 5 4 apg, 82 2 FT%), Mark Henry F 6 8/Soph (6 8 ppg, 2 9 rpg), Juan Neal G 6-2/Jr (9 3 ppg, 2 5 rpg, 85 5 FT%).
Other Returnees: Tony Francis, F-C 6 8/Soph (2 ppg), Patrick Jones, F, 6 8/Soph, Edridge Moore, G-F 6 4/Soph, Michele Pontalti, C, 7-0/Jr, Tom Swick F 6-8, 235/Soph (5 6 ppg, 3 7 rpg), Ricky Wilcox F-C, 6-8/Soph (RS/mononucleosis).
Newcomers: Derrick Brevard G 5 2/Fr, Alex Agudio G F 6 3/Sr (Penn State JC RS grades).
1985-86 Record: 14-14, ECAC North 10-6/10th.
Site: Niagara Falls, N.Y.

1986-87 Schedule

| | | | |
|------------------------|-----|----------------------|-----|
| California (Pa.) State | N29 | Siena | J24 |
| At St. Bonaventure | D3 | At Boston University | J29 |
| At Pennsylvania | D6 | At Northeastern | J31 |
| At Southern California | D11 | Northeastern | F5 |
| At Luca | D13 | Maine | F7 |
| St. John's | D20 | At New Hampshire | F10 |
| At UNC Wilmington | D27 | At Hartford | F12 |
| At St. Peter's | D30 | Canisius | F14 |
| At Vermont | J2 | Boston University | F19 |
| Colgate | J4 | Hartford | F21 |
| At Maine | J12 | Kent State | F25 |
| New Hampshire | J17 | At Canisius | F28 |
| Vermont | J22 | | |

Vermont (Catamounts)

Coach: Tom Brennan (first year at Vermont).
Starters Lost (3): Art Flaherty, G, 6-1/Soph (9 5 ppg, 3 8 rpg, transfer/St. Peter's), Howard Hudson, G (14 ppg, 3 1 rpg, 8 3 apg, 2 1 spg, 50.8 FG%), John Smko F (11 7 ppg, 5 8 rpg, 53 FG%, 81.1 FT%).
Others Lost: George Payne, G-F (3 6 ppg).
Starters Returning (2): Bill Brennan, F, 6-6/Sr (8 8 ppg, 4 3 rpg, 57.6 FG%, 87 FT%), Joe Calavita, C 6-10/Jr (11 8 ppg, 5 2 rpg, 51 1 FG%, 81 FT%).
Other Returnees: Rob Hamlin, G, 6-1/Jr, Francis John, F, 6-8/Jr, (RS/leg), Chris Kappas, C, 6-7/Soph (12 4 rpg), Tom O'Shea, G, 6-0/Sr (2 ppg), Rob Zinn, G-F, 6-4/Sr (3 8 ppg).
Newcomers: Bart Donovan, F, 6-6/Fr, (RS/foot), Mike Lubas G-F, 6-5/Fr, Jerome Smart, G, 6-0/Fr, Joe Thompson F 6 5/Fr.
1985-86 Record: 9-19, ECAC North: 5-13/8th.
Site: Burlington, Vt.

1986-87 Schedule

| | | | |
|---------------------|-----|----------------------|-----|
| Yale | N28 | At Dartmouth | J20 |
| At Villanova | N30 | At Niagara | J22 |
| St. Michael's (Vt.) | D4 | At Canisius | J24 |
| At Middlebury (Vt.) | D6 | Northeastern | J28 |
| Harvard | D10 | New Hampshire | J31 |
| Penn State | D13 | Hartford | F4 |
| At Ulica | D21 | At Hartford | F6 |
| Niagara | J2 | At Boston University | F10 |
| Boston University | J4 | At Maine | F14 |
| Army | J5 | Canisius | F18 |
| Colgate | J7 | At New Hampshire | F22 |
| Siena | J10 | At Northeastern | F25 |
| At Siena | J14 | Maine | F28 |
| At Colgate | J17 | | |

Upbeat Penn Hopes to Regroup, Burst Brown's Dream Bubble

By DICK WEISS

The second-biggest upset in the Ivy League last year occurred when neither Pennsylvania nor Princeton won the championship.

Brown did—and that was the league's biggest upset. Until last winter, Brown had shared with Harvard the unenviable distinction of never having won an Ivy crown in 81 years of basketball competition. By comparison, either Penn or Princeton had captured the title in each of the previous 16 seasons.

Brown back-doored everyone. The Bruins, who were coming off a 9-18 season and looked like they were destined to hibernate in the Ivy basement, won key games at Penn and Cornell and then clinched the championship by defeating Dartmouth, 82-51, on the last day of the season. Syracuse destroyed the Bruins in the first round of the NCAA Tournament, but it hardly mattered. Brown had won a crown.

"Two years ago, when we were in Florida, we went to Disney World and did the whole park," Brown Coach Mike Cingiser recalled. "Last year, we just did Fantasyland."

The biggest reason for Brown's success was center Jim Turner, who averaged 19.2 points and 8.2 rebounds per game and was named the Ivy Player of the Year. But Turner is gone, as are both starting guards, so the Bruins' stay atop the league standings may be a short one.

The Bruins will try to regroup behind forward Todd Murray, swingman Patrick Lynch and a strong recruiting class. Senior guard David Visscher is a proven defender, but Cingiser must find someone who can direct the offense.

What was a dream season for Brown was a nightmare for defending champion Penn. But Quakers Coach Tom Schneider is not dwelling on the past.

"I'm not that kind of person," said Schneider, whose first Penn team tied Cornell for second place. "It didn't take me a long time to get over that lost weekend at Dartmouth and Harvard. I never try to look back. We didn't play as well as we should have, but at the end, I thought we had a very good team."

"I hope our guys realize we have to respect every team we play."

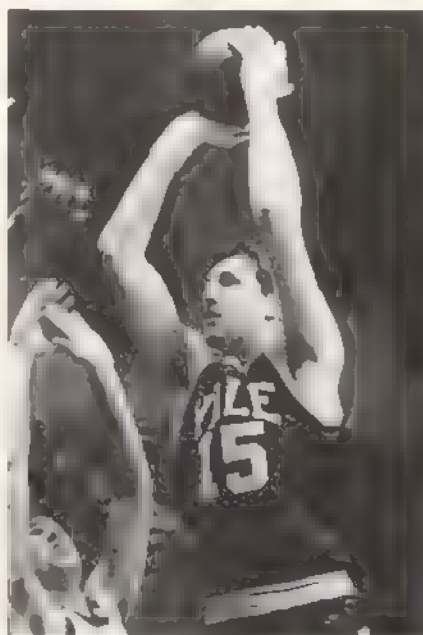
Senior center Bruce Lefkowitz does. "I think we learned our lesson," he said.

Lefkowitz, who averaged 14.2 points and 7.8 rebounds per game last year, is one of four senior starters who seem intent on making sure Penn does not fall short again. The others are All-Ivy guard Perry Bromwell (13.5-point average), point guard John Wilson and swingman Chris Elzey.

"I think this group wants to reach the potential that people felt they had as sophomores," Schneider said. "They pro-



Penn's Bruce Lefkowitz (above) and Yale's Chris Dudley will play key roles in the battle for the Ivy League championship.



gressed as juniors, winning 15 games, but they stubbed their toes a little bit."

Forwards Tyrone Pitts and John Stovall provide depth and experience. In addition, the Quakers had the best recruiting year in the league, with freshman guard Jerry Simon ranking at the top of his class.

Former California Coach Dick Kuchen will try to make Yale's Bulldogs bark again. He has five returning starters, including All-Ivy center Chris Dudley

Dudley (16.2 points, 9.8 rebounds) led

the league in both rebounding and blocked shots a year ago. He should be the catalyst for a front line that finished among the national leaders in rebounding margin (4.8).

Junior Peter White is an established guard, but the Bulldogs will have to improve their free-throw shooting (63.3 percent) if they want to challenge.

Cornell also has a strong candidate for Player of the Year in All-Ivy guard John Bajusz, who averaged 18.4 points last year. He should become the Big Red's all-time leading scorer by the time he graduates.

Center Greg Gilda and guard Josh Wexler also are returning starters, but Coach Mike Dement, who was hired when Tom Miller went to Colorado, will have to replace both forwards from a team that lost a chance to tie for the Ivy title on the last day of the season.

"Our players are angry—not at the opposition, but at themselves," Dement said. "I think that's good."

After two years of mediocrity, Princeton should undergo a renaissance, capitalizing on the fact that Coach Pete Carril has back all 13 lettermen.

Leading the Tigers are much-improved senior center Alan Williams and senior guard Joe Scott. John Thompson, whose father coaches the Georgetown Hoyas, and Bob Scrabis are a solid pair of forwards.

"That kid (Scrabis) saved the team," Carril said. "Without him, we'd have had five more losses."

Dartmouth has been methodically putting together an Ivy contender, and Coach Paul Cormier is looking to put on the finishing touches with a quality recruiting year that produced 6-foot-11 center Walter Palmer and forward Steve Trundle. Sophomore swingman Jim Barton, the Ivy Rookie of the Year and the national free-throw shooting champion, and junior guard Bryan Randall will be the cornerstones of an improving Big Green program.

Harvard Coach Peter Roby got a break when senior forward Arne Duncan, who took a year off to work on his senior thesis, returned for a final year of eligibility. Duncan, who averaged 11.7 points in 1985, should help solidify a young team that features sophomore forward Neil Phillips. Senior guard Keith Webster, the league leader in steals, also is a steadying influence.

Columbia Coach Wayne Szoke has made the Lions the most pleasant surprise in the league the last two years. But graduation took seven lettermen, including three starters and three top reserves. The Lions will try to roar again behind 6-1 Sean Couch, who will move from guard to forward, and guard Chip Adams. ■

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Brown (Bruins)

Coach: Mike Cingiser (50-82, 5 years)
Starters Lost (3): Darren Brady, G (6.1 ppg), Jim Turner, C (19.2 ppg, 8.2 rpg, 82.8 FG%), Mike Wankus, G (12.2 ppg, 3.4 rpg, 5.8 apg, 51 FG%, 84.1 FT%)
Others Lost: Todd Buark, C
Starters Returning (2): Patrick Lynch, G-F, 6-5/Sr (9.1 ppg, 8.6 5 FT%); Todd Murray, F, 6-8/Sr (8.7 ppg, 6.3 rpg)
Other Returnees: Tom Chaney, F, 6-5/Soph (2.6 ppg), Anthony Katsaros, F-C, 6-8/Jr (2.6 ppg, 2.4 rpg), Marcus Thompson, G-F, 6-5/Soph (7.7 ppg, 2.3 rpg), David Visscher, G, 8-1/Sr (2.7 ppg)
Newcomers: Arthur Jackson, F, 6-7/Fr, Todd Klock, F-C, 6-9/Fr, Bernard Mur, F, 6-8/Fr, Marc Rudolph, G, 5-11/Fr, Dick Whitmore, G, 8-1/Fr
1985-86 Record: 16-11; Ivy: 10-4/1st
Site: Providence, R.I.

1986-87 Schedule

| | | | |
|------------------|-----|-----------------|-----|
| At New Hampshire | N29 | Bryant (R.I.) | J19 |
| American | D1 | Yale | J24 |
| Manist Town | 05 | At Princeton | J30 |
| Providence* | 09 | At Pennsylvania | J31 |
| Lobo Classic | D26 | Harvard | F8 |
| At Rhode Island | D30 | Dartmouth | F7 |
| At Virginia | J5 | At Cornell | F13 |
| At Hofstra | J7 | At Columbia | F14 |
| At Yale | J10 | At Dartmouth | F20 |
| At Seton Hall | J12 | At Harvard | F21 |
| Columbia | J16 | Pennsylvania | F27 |
| Cornel | J17 | Princeton | F28 |

*Civic Center Providence

Bold face denotes conference-leading totals.

Columbia (Lions)

Coach: Wayne Szoke (25-27, 2 years)
Starters Lost (3): Tom Gwydir, F (13.7 ppg, 4.6 rpg), Walter Stewart, C (3.2 ppg, 3.4 rpg), Todd Williams, F (7.8 ppg, 8.2 7 FT%)
Others Lost: Paul Lee, F (3.1 ppg, 2.3 rpg), Kevin McIvor, G (2.4 ppg), Mark Murphy, C (3.5 ppg, 2.6 rpg), 50 FG% Mark Sedes, G (9.9 ppg, 54 FG%)
Starters Returning (2): Chip Adams, G, 8-0/Sr (17.8 ppg, 2.7 rpg), Sean Couch, F, 6-1/Sr (12.3 ppg, 3.9 rpg, 3.4 apg, 57.6 FG%)
Other Returnees: Joe Campanella, G, 6-2/Soph, Tony Chas, G, 6-10/Soph; Matt Shannon, G, 6-2/Soph (3.3 ppg), Galen Sorrells, F, 6-5/Soph, John Vaske, F, 6-3/Jr; Doug Woods, C, 6-6/Jr
Newcomers: Jim Dwyer, F, 6-5/Fr.; Brian Langstreet, G, 6-4/Fr.; Sean Swenson, C, 6-8, 240/Fr.; Mark Tilson, G, 6-4/Fr.
1985-86 Record: 12-14, Ivy: 6-8/T6th
Site: New York City

1986-87 Schedule

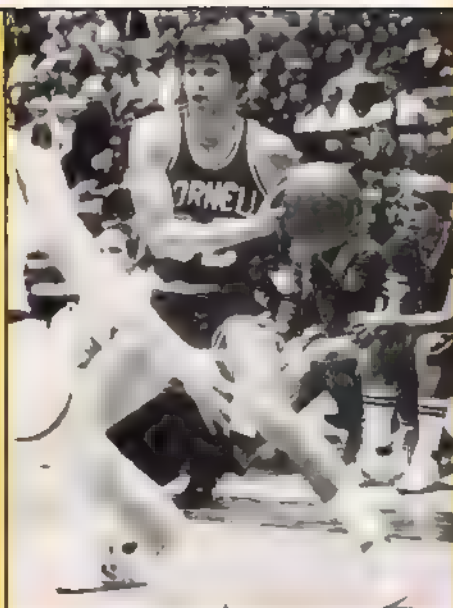
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| Seton Hall | N29 | At Cornell | J24 |
| Manhattan | 03 | At Harvard | J31 |
| Apple Invitational | 05 | At Dartmouth | F1 |
| At Lafayette | 08 | Princeton | F6 |
| At Merchant Marins | D10 | Pennsylvania | F7 |
| At Delaware | D12 | Yale | F13 |
| Milwaukee Classic | D26 | Brown | F14 |
| At Lehigh | J8 | New York University | F16 |
| Cornell | J10 | At Pennsylvania | F20 |
| At Brown | J6 | At Princeton | F21 |
| At Yale | J7 | Dartmouth | F27 |
| Fordham | J20 | Harvard | F28 |

Cornell (Big Red)

Coach: Mike Dement (first year at Cornell)
Starters Lost (2): Drew Martin, F (13.1 ppg, 5.4 rpg, 1.9 apg), Len Palmer, F (5.9 ppg, 4 rpg)
Others Lost: Rusty Cooper, G, Eric King, F
Starters Returning (3): John Bajusz, G, 8-1/Sr (18.4 ppg, 3.2 rpg, 56.5 FG%, 89.9 FT%), Greg Gids, C, 6-8/Jr (9.4 ppg, 3.3 rpg, 62.1 FG%), Josh Wexler, G, 6-1/Soph (5.6 ppg, 2 rpg, 3.4 apg)
Other Returnees: Wolfgang Florin, F, 6-6/Jr (4.7 ppg, 4 rpg), Dean Karlsson, F, 6-8/Jr (RS/knee after five games), Mike Millane, F, 6-7/Jr (5.3 ppg, 3.4 rpg), Derek Williams, G, 5-11/Sr
Newcomers: Ike Ayers, F, 6-5/Fr., Monte Boykin, G, 6-3/Fr.; Andy Noss, C, 6-9/Fr.; Mike Proctor, G, 6-4/Fr.
1985-86 Record: 14-12; Ivy: 9-5/T2nd
Site: Ithaca, N.Y.

1986-87 Schedule

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|-----------------------|-----|-----------------|-----|
| Sun Met Tournament | N28 | At Duke | J26 |
| At Notre Dame | D4 | At Dartmouth | J31 |
| At Syracuse | 08 | At Harvard | F1 |
| Castillon (Vt.) State | D20 | Pennsylvania | F6 |
| Carnegie | D22 | Princeton | F7 |
| At St. Bonaventure | J3 | Utica | F10 |
| At Army | J7 | Brown | F13 |
| At Columbia | J10 | Yale | F14 |
| At Colgate | J13 | At Princeton | F21 |
| At Yale | J16 | At Pennsylvania | F27 |
| At Brown | J17 | Harvard | F28 |
| At Hamilton (N.Y.) | J20 | Dartmouth | F28 |
| Columbia | J24 | | |



Cornell's John Bajusz.

Dartmouth (Big Green)

Coach: Paul Cormier (16-36, 2 years)
Starters Lost (2): Joe Kilroy, G (8.8 ppg, 2.7 rpg, 3.5 apg, 54.2 FG%); John Mackay, G-F, 6-2/Jr (8.3 ppg, 8.8 4 FT%, LDS mission)
Starters Returning (3): Jim Barton, G-F, 6-4/Soph (13.6 ppg, 2.8 rpg, 94.2 FT%), Darin Maccoux, F, 6-6/Soph (5 ppg, 4.2 rpg); Bryan Randall, G, 6-0/Jr (9.9 ppg, 3.9 rpg, 3.8 apg, 1.8 spg)
Other Returnees: Len Bazalak, G, 6-2/Jr (3.7 ppg), John Bean, F, 6-4/Soph (6.6 ppg, 5.4 rpg, 62.2 FG%); Derek Bunting, G, 6-1/Soph; Jason Lobo, C, 6-11/Soph (2.3 rpg); John Miller, C, 6-10/Sr (3.4 ppg, 2.3 rpg), Dan O'Connor, F, 6-8/Jr; John Rhine, F, 6-4/Jr; Eugene Sims, F, 6-6/Soph (2.5 ppg)
Newcomers: Walter Palmer, C, 6-11/Fr.; Robert Summers, G, 6-2/Fr.; Joe Tillotson, G, 6-0/Fr.; Steve Trundle, F, 6-6/Fr.
1985-86 Record: 11-15, Ivy: 6-8/T6th
Site: Hanover, N.H.

1986-87 Schedule

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|--------------------------|-----|-----------------|-----|
| Hartford Invitational | N28 | Cornell | J31 |
| At Holy Cross | D4 | Columbia | F1 |
| At Nova Fla. | D15 | At Yale | F6 |
| At Florida International | D18 | At Brown | F7 |
| At Miami (Fla.) | D20 | At Pennsylvania | F13 |
| Army | J3 | At Princeton | F14 |
| Middlebury (Vt.) | J6 | Brown | F20 |
| Princeton | J8 | Yale | F21 |
| Pennsylvania | J10 | | F23 |
| At New Hampshire | J13 | At Columbia | F27 |
| At Harvard | J16 | At Cornell | F28 |
| Vermont | J20 | Harvard | M4 |
| American | J28 | | |

Harvard (Crimson)

Coach: Peter Roby (6-20, 1 year)
Starters Lost (1): Pat Smith, G (3.8 ppg, 2.1 rpg)
Others Lost: Carm Scarpa, G
Starters Returning (4): Kyle Dodson, F, 6-4/Sr (6.1 ppg, 2.3 rpg), Bill Mohler, C, 6-8 Sr (5.5 ppg, 5.3 rpg), Neil Phillips, F, 6-5/Soph (11.5 ppg, 5.5 rpg, 84.7 FT%), Keith Webster, G, 6-11/Sr (11.6 ppg, 3.7 rpg, 2.5 apg, 88.6 FT%)
Other Returnees: Arne Duncan, F, 6-4/Sr (RS sat out season to write thesis), Todd Evers, G, 6-4/Soph (4.5 ppg), Mike Giesen, G, 5-10/Soph (5.8 ppg, 2.3 rpg), David Lang, F, 6-8/Soph (3.4 ppg, 2.5 rpg), Fred Scherneck, F, 6-7/Soph (6.1 ppg, 3.1 rpg)
Newcomers: Sean Duffy, F, 6-7/Fr, Brian Ehrlich, F, 6-7/Fr.; Scott Gilly, G, 6-3/Fr.; Malcolm Hollenstetter, F-C, 6-10/Fr.; Brian Mackey, G, 6-4/Fr.
1985-86 Record: 6-20, Ivy: 2-12/8th
Site: Cambridge, Mass.

1986-87 Schedule

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|-------------------|-----|-----------------|-----|
| At Lehigh | N28 | Columbia | J31 |
| At Lafayette | D1 | Cornell | F1 |
| At Boston College | D4 | At Brown | F6 |
| New Hampshire | D8 | At Yale | F7 |
| Brandeis (Mass.) | D8 | Duke | F10 |
| At Vermont | D10 | At Princeton | F13 |
| Manhattan | D13 | At Pennsylvania | F14 |
| Merrimack (Mass.) | D20 | Yale | F20 |
| Met Life Classic | D22 | Brown | F21 |
| Holy Cross | J5 | At Cornell | F27 |
| Pennsylvania | J9 | At Columbia | F28 |
| Princeton | J10 | At Dartmouth | M4 |
| Dartmouth | J16 | | |

Pennsylvania (Quakers)

Coach: Tom Schneider (15-11, 1 year)
Starters Lost: None
Others Lost: Neil Bernstein, C, 6-9/Jr (3.6 ppg, 3.4 rpg, transfer/California); Chris Borillo, F (misses last season with shoulder injury)
Starters Returning (6): Perry Brownell, G, 6-2/Sr (13.5 ppg, 2.3 rpg), Chris Eley, G-F, 6-5/Sr (12.3 ppg, 3.3 rpg, 87.1 FT%); Bruce Lefkowitz, C, 6-8/Sr (14.2 ppg, 7.8 rpg, 58.7 FG%); Tyrone Pitts, F, 6-4/Jr (12.5 ppg, 5.2 rpg); John Wilson, G, 5-10/Sr (6.5 ppg, 5.7 apg, 57.3 FG%, 80 FT%)
Other Returnees: Walt Frazier, G, 6-2/Soph, Abraham Okorodudu, C, 6-8/Sr, Jeff Riebel, F, 6-5/Jr (2 ppg), John Stovall, F, 6-6/Soph (4.8 ppg, 3.2 rpg)
Newcomers: Ken Fikes, G, 6-2/Fr.; Kent Mitholland, C, 6-10/Fr.; Jerry Smon, G, 6-5/Fr.; Jose Tavaraz, G-F, 6-4/Fr.
1985-86 Record: 15-11, Ivy: 9-5/T2nd
Site: Philadelphia

1986-87 Schedule

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|---------------------|-----|--------------|-----|
| At Georgia Tech | D1 | At Princeton | F3 |
| Niagara | D6 | At Cornell | F6 |
| Temple | D8 | At Columbia | F7 |
| Vanderbilt | D13 | Villanova | F10 |
| BMA Holiday Classic | D29 | Dartmouth | F13 |
| Notre Dame | J3 | Harvard | F14 |
| At Harvard | J9 | La Salle | F16 |
| At Dartmouth | J10 | Columbia | F20 |
| St. Francis (Pa.) | J13 | Cornell | F21 |
| Lafayette | J20 | Princeton | F24 |
| St. Joseph's | J27 | At Brown | F27 |
| Yale | J30 | At Yale | F28 |
| | J31 | | |

Princeton (Tigers)

Coach: Pete Carril (325-183, 19 years)
Starters Lost: None
Others Lost: Jay Bubniak, F (3 ppg, left team)
Starters Returning (6): Mike Harum, G, 6-3/Jr (7.6 ppg), Joe Scott, G, 5-11/Sr (8.9 ppg, 2.3 rpg, 2 apg, 50.3 FG%, 82.5 FT%); Bob Scrables, F, 6-3/Soph (8.2 ppg, 2.9 rpg, 60.6 FG%, 79.2 FT%); John Thompson, F, 6-4/Jr (5.8 ppg, 4.2 rpg, 3.1 apg, 56.7 FG%); Alan Williams, C, 6-6/Sr (14.9 ppg, 5.4 rpg, 57.3 FG%, 78.6 FT%)
Other Returnees: Aaron Belz, F, 6-5/Sr (3 ppg), Jared Katz, F, 6-5/Soph (3.6 ppg), Brian Kennedy, G, 6-3/Soph, Dave Orlando, G, 6-1/Jr (6.2 ppg)
Newcomers: Jim Durham, G, 6-1/Fr, Matt Lapin, F, 6-7/Fr.; Rich Nash, F, 6-6/Fr, John Nikoisi, C, 6-8/Fr., Anders Vestergaard, F-C, 6-8/Fr.
1985-86 Record: 13-13, Ivy: 7-7/T4th
Site: Princeton, N.J.

1986-87 Schedule

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|---------------------------|-----|-----------------|-----|
| Franklin & Marshall (Pa.) | N29 | Brown | J30 |
| St. Joseph's | D3 | Yale | J31 |
| At Seton Hall | 06 | Pennsylvania | F3 |
| At Lehigh | 08 | At Columbia | F6 |
| Illin Classic | D12 | At Cornell | F7 |
| Davidson | D16 | Harvard | F13 |
| At Rutgers | D20 | Dartmouth | F14 |
| Hoodier Classic | D26 | Cornell | F20 |
| At Delaware | J6 | Columbia | F21 |
| At Dartmouth | J9 | At Pennsylvania | F24 |
| At Harvard | J10 | At Yale | F27 |
| Galysburg (Pa.) | J26 | At Brown | F28 |

Yale (Elis)

Coach: Dick Kuchen (first year at Yale)
Starters Lost: None
Others Lost: Ricky Ewing, C, 6-11, 235/Jr (4.2 ppg, 2.3 rpg, transfer)
Starters Returning (5): Chris Dudley, C, 8-10, 240/Sr (18.2 ppg, 9.8 rpg, 1.4 apg, 53.9 FG%); Paul Maley, F, 6-7/Jr (8.6 ppg, 6.5 rpg), John Rice, G, 6-3/Jr (4.5 ppg, 2.3 rpg); Peter White, G, 5-10/Jr (8.5 ppg, 2.4 rpg, 6 apg), Matt Whitehead, G-F, 6-4/Jr (9.8 ppg, 2.6 rpg, 81 FT%)
Other Returnees: Brian Fitzpatrick, F, 6-7/Jr (8 ppg, 2.7 rpg), Brian Kasber, F, 6-7, 240/Jr (6.8 ppg, 3.6 rpg, 51.9 FG%); Eric Mitchell, F, 6-6/Jr (2.9 ppg, 2.3 rpg); Ken Wheeler, G-F, 6-2/Sr (5.9 ppg, 2.7 rpg, 51.6 FG%)
Newcomers: None
1985-86 Record: 13-13, Ivy: 7-7/T4th
Site: New Haven, Conn.

1986-87 Schedule

| | | | |
|-----------------------|-----|-----------------|-----|
| At Vermont | N29 | At Brown | J24 |
| Connecticut | D2 | At Fairfield | J27 |
| At Navy | 05 | At Pennsylvania | J30 |
| Manhattanville (N.Y.) | 08 | At Princeton | J31 |
| New Hampshire | 09 | Dartmouth | F6 |
| Miami Christmas Tour | D29 | Harvard | F7 |
| Notre Dame | J4 | At Columbia | F13 |
| At Holy Cross | J7 | At Cornell | F14 |
| Brown | J10 | At Harvard | F20 |
| Lafayette | J12 | At Dartmouth | F21 |
| Cornell | J16 | Princeton | F27 |
| Columbia | J17 | Pennsylvania | F28 |
| At Army | J22 | | |

La Salle Is a Slight Favorite, But Everybody's a Contender

By ERNIE PALLADINO

If an accountant were to examine the movement of personnel in the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference since last March, his off-season analysis would show the league wading in red ink.

Rarely does a conference suffer as much subtraction with as little addition as this league has in the last few months. In addition to graduating such game-breaking players as Fairfield's Tony George and Pat Yerina, Iona's Bob Coleman and Holy Cross' Jim McCaffrey—with no apparent stars ready to replace them—the league also has lost four of its eight coaches. Those departures hardly represent stability.

"There's certainly always some uncertainty when new people take over," said Ted Fiore, a St. Peter's assistant who was promoted to head coach when Bob Dukiet left for Marquette. "With veteran coaches, you can expect certain styles of play you're familiar with, but when a new coach comes in, there's a little uncertainty. You don't know what to expect."

Gary Brokaw, a former Notre Dame assistant who took over Iona's program from Pat Kennedy (now at Florida State), also walks into the season blind.

"I couldn't say what's going to happen," Brokaw said. "The first year is for the players getting to know me and me getting to know the players."

But Bob Delle Bovi, who replaced Tom Sullivan at Manhattan, said his experience as Sullivan's assistant will give the Jaspers an edge.

"It's always a benefit to know the players and the pluses and minuses of a program," he said.

As for the loss of the league's top players, the stage is set for almost any team to spring to the top.

"That's what makes it interesting," Fiore said. "It's a question of who's going to emerge. Somebody always comes along to lead."

Most of the conference coaches picked La Salle as a slight favorite. The Explorers have the conference's one solid plus in top recruit Lionel Simmons, a 6-foot-6 forward from Philadelphia.

"He does everything well," said Explorers Coach Bill (Speedy) Morris, who replaced Lefty Ervin in March after serving two years on the Lady Explorers' bench, thus becoming the first Division I coach to make the jump from women's to men's basketball. "Lionel plays at both ends of the floor and passes so well. Toward the latter part of the year, we'll be looking for him to score."

Morris can work Simmons into a solid group of returnees that is missing only one starter, All-MAAC swingman Chip Greenberg. The top returning scorer is senior forward Larry Koretz, who averaged 13.2 points and 5.1 rebounds per



Fordham's Joe Paterno, a powerful forward, has become one of the top players in the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference.

game last year. But Morris' top guns figure to be sophomore center Craig Conlin, a strong inside player, and junior guard Tim Legler, the team's floor leader. Like Conlin, guard Len Robinson earned all-rookie honors a year ago. And center Ron Barnes led the league in blocked shots.

St. Peter's has the league's most physically imposing team with a front line that features 6-7 senior center Derrick Howell, 6-7 senior Daren Rowe and 6-5 sophomore Kenny Parker. Howell was among the league leaders in rebounding and blocked shots a year ago.

The best of the Peacocks, however, could be MAAC all-rookie pick Willie Haynes, a good passer with an exceptional touch from three-point range. Haynes is back at guard after leading the Peacocks in scoring (12.8 average) as a freshman.

"He's going to get better and better," Fiore said.

The only player lost from last season's team was guard Kevin Boyle, the league's assists leader. Tommy Berry is back at the other guard spot after a year of injury and academic problems.

Fairfield, which jumped from last to first while suffering only one conference setback last season, lost 35.5 of its 65.2 points of average offense in George, the MAAC Player of the Year, and Yerina. But Coach Mitch Buonaguro's cupboard is far from bare.

Buonaguro, who was named MAAC

Coach of the Year in his first season as a head coach, has a solid backcourt with seniors A.J. Wynder and Ed Golden, who combined for an average of 9.4 assists per game last fall. Guard Tim O'Toole, who redshirted last season after having a hernia operation, also will see considerable playing time.

Senior Jeff Gromos (11 points per game) will shoulder the burden up front, where the Stags have little experience. Youngsters such as forward Tom Squeri will be expected to contribute right away.

At Iona, Brokaw wants to change the Gaels from a freewheeling gang to a fast-paced but disciplined unit. Forward Jeff Wilder (6.1 rebounds) and guard John Kijonek are tough defensively, while junior guard Richie Simmonds adds scoring punch. St. Bonaventure transfer Alvin Lott, the Atlantic 10 Rookie of the Year three years ago, also figures to be a potent scoring threat.

Brokaw's main concern is replacing Coleman, the MAAC's top rebounder.

Holy Cross lost its starting backcourt, including the league's top scorer in McCaffrey. But Glenn (Scooter) Tropf could take over McCaffrey's leadership role. The forward averaged 7.5 points and got some starting experience as a freshman last fall.

Lending support will be forwards Paul Durkee, who could turn into one of the conference's top front-line men, and Dennis Ahern. Backcourt inexperience, however, will hurt.

Most of Coach Tom Penders' Fordham team returns. Leading the way is MAAC Rookie of the Year Joe Paterno (no relation to the Penn State football coach), a powerful forward whom Penders sees as a conference MVP in the near future.

Tom Parrotta, a junior who came on strong in the second half of last season, joins Paterno up front, while Michigan State transfer Greg Pedro and Joe Franco will man the backcourt. Penders' biggest worry is finding a dependable center.

Kevin Houston, the league's second-leading scorer with 22 points per game last year, is back at Army for his senior year. Houston's backcourt partner, senior Darren Blackwell, led the league in steals a year ago, while 6-3 senior Ron Steptoe is surprisingly effective under the basket for his size. Providing uncharacteristic bulk for an academy team is 6-10 freshman Todd Mattson.

At Manhattan, Delle Bovi will have no trouble improving on last season's 2-26 record. A solid recruiting year should provide depth for a squad that was beset by numerous injuries. Delle Bovi will rebuild around guard Ed Lawson, who missed last season following a car accident, all-rookie pick Bret Holmdahl and UNC Charlotte transfer Bill Wheeler.

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Army (Cadets)

Coach: Les Wothke (47-86, 4 years)
Starters Lost (1): Mark Michaelsen, F (8.3 ppg, 5 rpg, 52.6 FG%)
Others Lost: Mike Ellis, F
Starters Returning (4): Darren Blackwell, G, 8-0/Sr (4.9 ppg, 3.2 rpg, 1.8 apg) Kevin Houston, G, 6-0 Sr (22.2 ppg, 2.7 rpg, 4 apg, 1.7 spg, 84.7 FT%), Ron Steptoe, F, 6-3/Sr (10.7 ppg, 5.8 rpg) Scott Whipp, G, 6-6/Jr (15.5 ppg, 2.4 rpg)
Other Returnees: Shawn Gansel, F, 6-6/Soph (3.5 ppg, 2.1 rpg) Scott King, F, 6-7/Jr (2.1 rpg) Mike Yeager, F, 6-8/Sr (4.2 ppg, 2.6 rpg)
Newcomers: Mark Clouse, F, 6-5/Fr, Todd Mattison, C, 8-10/Fr, Steve Rothert, F, 6-6/Fr, Ron Wilson, G, 6-2/Fr
1986-87 Record: 9-18, MAAC 5-9/7th
Site: West Point, N.Y.

1986-87 Schedule

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|-----------------------|-----|----------------|-----|
| At JNC Wilmington | N29 | Holy Cross* | J17 |
| Toledo | D2 | Fairfield | J20 |
| The Citadel | D4 | Yale | J22 |
| At La Salle | D6 | At St. Peter's | J24 |
| Manhattanville (N.Y.) | D10 | Fordham | J27 |
| Utah Classic | D22 | La Salle | J31 |
| Tulsa Classic | D29 | At Fordham | F3 |
| At Dartmouth | J3 | St. Peter's | F5 |
| At Vermont | J5 | At Iona | F7 |
| Cornell | J7 | Manhattan | F10 |
| Iona | J10 | At Holy Cross | F14 |
| At Manhattan | J13 | At Fairfield | F18 |
| *Meadowlands | | At Navy | F21 |

Bold face denotes conference-leading totals.

Fairfield (Stags)

Coach: Mitch Buonaguro (24-7, 1 year)
Starters Lost (2): Tony George, G-F (20.3 ppg, 4.9 rpg, 3.4 apg, 78.4 FT%); Pat Yerina, F (15.2 ppg, 8.1 rpg, 56.2 FG%)
Others Lost: Kevin McLeod, C, 6-11/Sr (transfer/UC San Diego)
Starters Returning (3): Ed Golden, G, 6-2/Sr (2.8 ppg, 4.1 apg), Jeff Gramos, F-C, 6-8/Sr (11 ppg, 5.4 rpg, 80.8 FT%) A.J. Wynder, G, 6-2/Sr (8.4 ppg, 3 rpg, 5.3 apg, 1.7 spg, 58.8 FG%, 85.5 FT%)
Other Returnees: Rich Barry, G, 6-4/Sr., Troy Bradford, G, 5-10 Soph (4.5 ppg); Tim O'Toole, G, 6-3/Sr (RS/then a 11.6 ppg in 84-85); Chip Smenz, F, 6-5 Sr, Tom Squier, G, 7-7/Soph (3.4 ppg, 2.6 rpg) Andy Wood, C, 6-10/Jr
Newcomers: Tom Cook, F, 6-6/Fr, Ed Duncan, G, F, 6-4/Fr, Marvin Walters, G, 6-4/Fr
1985-86 Record: 24-7, MAAC 13-1/1st
Site: Fairfield, Conn.

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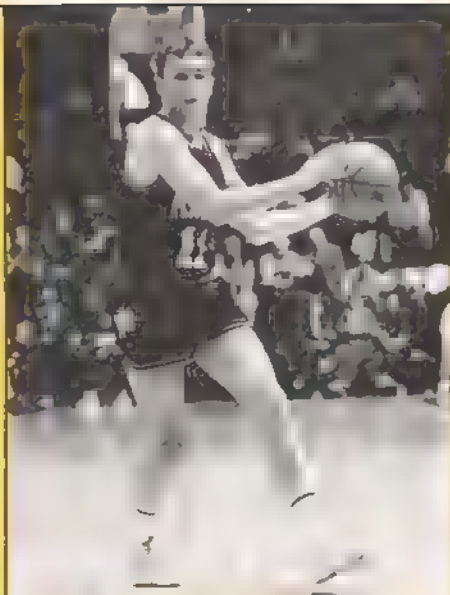
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| Stonham (Mass.) | N29 | Holy Cross | J15 |
| Hartford | D2 | La Salle | J17 |
| Boston College* | D6 | At Army | J20 |
| Siena | D8 | Iona | J24 |
| At Marist | D10 | Yale | J27 |
| At Syracuse | D20 | Manhattan | J31 |
| At Connecticut | D23 | At Holy Cross | F3 |
| New Hampshire | D30 | At Fordham | F7 |
| At Hofstra | J3 | St. Peter's | F10 |
| Richmond** | J5 | At La Salle | F13 |
| Delight | J8 | Central Connecticut State | F16 |
| Fordham | J10 | Army | F18 |
| At St. Peter's | J13 | At Iona | F21 |
| *New Haven Conn. | | At Manhattan | F23 |
| **Meadowlands | | | |

Fordham (Rams)

Coach: Tom Penders (125-114, 8 years)
Starters Lost (1): Don McCormick, F (8 ppg, 3.2 rpg)
Others Lost: Goran Skoko, C (2.6 ppg)
Starters Returning (4): Eric Brooks, G, 5-9/Sr (7.2 ppg, 3.2 apg) Joe Franco, G, 6-5/Sr (7.5 ppg, 3.2 rpg) Joe Paterno, F, 6-5 Soph (12.4 ppg, 4.4 rpg), James Robinson, C, 6-8/Sr (6.4 ppg, 3.5 rpg)
Other Returnees: Doug Bantum, F, 6-7/Soph (2 ppg) Lonnie Jones, G, 6-4/Sr (5.2 ppg), Tom Parrot, F, 6-5 Jr (9.2 ppg, 4.2 rpg, 53.3 FG%), Mark Taylor, G, 6-3/Jr (2 ppg), Frank Williams, F, C, 6-7 230/Sr (4.5 ppg, 3.8 rpg)
Newcomers: Peter Hopper, G, 6-4/Fr, Andre McCendon, G, 5-11/Fr, Dan O'Sullivan, C, 6-10/Fr, Greg Pedro, G, 6-3/Jr (transfer/Michigan State)
1985-86 Record: 13-17, MAAC 7-7/4th
Site: New York City

1986-87 Schedule

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|---------------------------|-----|----------------|-----|
| Monmouth Tournament | N28 | At La Salle | J23 |
| At St. John's | D2 | At Army | J27 |
| Wichita Tournament | D5 | Holy Cross | J31 |
| At Hartford | D9 | Army | F3 |
| Seton Hall | D19 | At Manhattan | F5 |
| Met Life Classic | D22 | Fairfield | F7 |
| Hawaii Pacific Tournament | J2 | Iona | F10 |
| La Salle | J8 | At Holy Cross | F12 |
| At Fairfield | J10 | At St. Peter's | F14 |
| At Iona | J12 | Noire Dame* | F18 |
| Manhattan | J15 | Texas** | F21 |
| St. Peter's | J17 | At Marquette | F24 |
| At Columbia | J20 | | |
| *Madison Square Garden | | | |
| **Meadowlands | | | |



Army's Kevin Houston.

Holy Cross (Crusaders)

Coach: George Blaney (224-177, 14 years)
Starters Lost (2): Jim McCaffrey, G (22.8 ppg, 2.4 rpg, 3.9 apg, 84.9 FT%); Brian Reale, G (12.4 ppg, 4.9 rpg, 3 apg)
Starters Returning (3): Dennis Ahern, F, 6-6/Sr (7.4 ppg, 3.2 rpg, 55 FG%); Paul Durkee, F, 6-7/Jr (10.1 ppg, 5.3 rpg) Glenn Tropf, F, 6-7/Soph (7.5 ppg, 4.8 rpg, 53.9 FG%)
Other Returnees: Eldridge Carter, F, 6-6/Soph (3 ppg, 2.3 rpg), Grant Evans, C, 6-10, 230/Soph (3.7 ppg, 2.7 rpg), Chris Fedina, F, 6-8/Soph (academically ineligible unit second semester); Greg Martucci, G, 6-5/Soph (3.2 ppg), Bill Meyer, F, 6-7/Jr.; Joe Viviano, G-F, 6-8/Soph (3.9 ppg, 2.6 rpg), Glenn Williams, G, 5-11/Soph
Newcomers: Lorn Davis, G, 6-3/Fr.; Dwight Parnell, G, 5-1/Fr
1985-86 Record: 12-18, MAAC 6-8/6th
Site: Worcester, Mass.

1986-87 Schedule

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|--------------------------|-----|------------------|-----|
| Providence | D2 | Army* | J17 |
| Dartmouth | D4 | Iona | J20 |
| Assumption (Mass.) | D9 | At Manhattan | J24 |
| Hartford | D11 | Massachusetts | J26 |
| Boston College | D14 | At New Hampshire | J29 |
| At Davidson | D20 | At Fordham | J31 |
| At Florida International | D27 | Fairfield | F3 |
| At South Florida | D30 | At Connecticut | F5 |
| At Harvard | J5 | St. Peter's | F7 |
| Yale | J7 | At La Salle | F10 |
| St. Peter's | J10 | Fordham | F12 |
| La Salle | J13 | Army | F14 |
| At Fairfield | J15 | At Iona | F18 |
| *Meadowlands | | Manhattan | F21 |

Iona (Gaels)

Coach: Gary Brokaw (first year at Iona)
Starters Lost (1): Bob Coleman, C (17.5 ppg, 8.8 rpg, 54.2 FG%)
Others Lost: Ed Harris, G (7.2 ppg, 50 FG%)
Starters Returning (4): Glenn Grant, G, 5-11/Soph (4.3 ppg, 4.5 apg), John Kyonok, G, 6-6/Jr (10 ppg, 3.9 rpg), Richie Simmonds, G, 6-3/Jr (12.8 ppg, 2.8 rpg), Jeff Wilder, F, 6-7/Jr (6.5 ppg, 6.1 rpg, 51.2 FG%)
Other Returnees: Chris Green, G, 5-10/Sr.; Chip Langdon, G-F, 6-5/Soph (2.2 ppg), Nestor Payne, F, 6-7/Soph (4.1 ppg, 3.3 rpg, 58.3 FG%), Mike Zona, F, 5-5/Sr (2.3 ppg)
Newcomers: Curtis Celestine, C, 6-8/Soph (from Canada), Alvin Lott, G, 6-0/Jr (transfer/St. Bonaventure), Pat Peroni, F, 6-7/Jr. (JC); David Wagner, G, 6-2/Jr. (Arkansas State, JC); Tony Wright, F, 6-5/Jr (JC)
1985-86 Record: 14-15, MAAC 9-5/2nd
Site: New Rochelle, N.Y.

1986-87 Schedule

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|-------------------------|-----|----------------------|-----|
| At Canisius | N28 | South Carolina* | J14 |
| Hofstra | D2 | Manhattan | J17 |
| Coppin State | D4 | At Holy Cross | J20 |
| At Marquette | D6 | At Fairfield | J24 |
| Manul Hanover Ct | D12 | La Salle | J28 |
| Kentucky Invitational | D19 | St. Peter's | J31 |
| Duquesne | D27 | Southern Connecticut | F3 |
| At Marist | D30 | Army | F7 |
| At St. Peter's | J3 | At Fordham | F10 |
| At La Salle | J6 | At Manhattan | F14 |
| At Army | J10 | Holy Cross | F18 |
| Fordham | J12 | DePaul** | F18 |
| *Meadowlands | | Fairfield | F21 |
| **Madison Square Garden | | | |

La Salle (Explorers)

Coach: Bill (Speedy) Morris (first year at La Salle)
Starters Lost (1): Chip Greenberg, G-F (16.8 ppg, 5.2 rpg, 3.8 apg, 51.2 FG%, 84.3 FT%)
Others Lost: Mike Boligitz, G, Dallas Philson, G (3.6 ppg)
Starters Returning (4): Ron Barnes, C, 6-8/Sr (13.4 ppg, 3.6 rpg, 2.1 apg, 50.6 FG%); Larry Koretz, F, 6-7/Sr (13.2 ppg, 5.1 rpg), Tim Layler, G, 6-4/Jr (12.9 ppg, 3.9 rpg, 50.2 FG%, 83.3 FT%); Len Robinson, G, 6-2/Soph (6.8 ppg, 2.7 rpg, 3.5 apg)
Other Returnees: Craig Conlin, C, 6-6/Soph (8.3 ppg, 3.8 rpg, 58.5 FG%), Gary Jones, G, 6-2/Sr, Eric Lee, F-C, 6-7 Jr (4.5 ppg, 2.1 rpg, 56.1 FG%), Rich Tarr, G, 6-0/Jr (6.4 ppg, 2.3 rpg)
Newcomers: Bob Johnson, F, 6-8/Fr, Lionel Simmons, F, 6-6/Fr, Marvin Woods, G, F, 6-4/Soph (transfer/DePaul)
1985-86 Record: 14-14, MAAC 8-6/3rd
Site: Philadelphia.

1986-87 Schedule

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|-----------------------|-----|----------------|-----|
| Mum (Fla.) Tournament | N28 | At Fairfield | J17 |
| Temple | D3 | St. Peter's | J20 |
| Army | D6 | Fordham | J23 |
| Villanova | D8 | At Iona | J28 |
| At Maine | D13 | At Army | J31 |
| Stetson Tournament | D19 | At Notre Dame | F4 |
| Joesten's Tournament | D27 | At Manhattan | F7 |
| North Carolina | J3 | Holy Cross | F10 |
| Iona | J6 | Fairfield | F13 |
| Manhattan | J10 | Pennsylvania | F16 |
| At Holy Cross | J13 | At St. Peter's | F18 |

Manhattan (Jaspers)

Coach: Bob Della Bovi (first year at Manhattan)
Starters Lost (2): Steve Klemick, G (5.4 ppg, 2.4 rpg), Maurice Williams, F (18.8 ppg, 5 rpg, 85 FG%)
Others Lost: Tom Chance, F (6.7 ppg, 6.7 rpg in 3 games)
Starters Returning (3): Bret Holmdahl, F, 6-5/Soph (12.6 ppg, 5.6 rpg, 80.8 FT%), Antoine Owens, G, 6-2/Soph (9.8 ppg, 3.8 rpg, 3.6 apg); Chris Schiano, F-C, 6-8/Sr (8.7 ppg, 5.3 rpg)
Other Returnees: Jamil Adams, G-F, 6-4/Jr (8.3 ppg), Steve Boyle, G, 5-11/Soph (4.5 ppg), Sean Hall, C, 6-10/Sr., Ed Lawson, G, 6-1/Jr (RS/cor accident), John Rogan, G, 6-2/Jr
Newcomers: Kenny Bouyer, G-F, 6-4/Fr.; John DeGennaro, G, 6-1/Fr.; Greg Rock, G, 6-2/Fr.; Peter Runge, F-C, 6-8/Fr.; Bill Wheeler, G, 6-3/Jr. (transfer/UNC Charlotte)
1985-86 Record: 2-26, MAAC 1-13/8th
Site: Riverdale, N.Y.

1986-87 Schedule

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|-----------------------|-----|------------------|-----|
| Pace (N.Y.) | N29 | At Iona | J17 |
| At St. Francis (N.Y.) | D1 | Holy Cross | J24 |
| At Columbia | D3 | At Wagner | J27 |
| Hofstra Tournament | D5 | Merchant Marines | J29 |
| St. Peter's | D10 | At Fairfield | J31 |
| At Harvard | D13 | Fordham | F5 |
| Lehman (N.Y.) | D16 | La Salle | F7 |
| At Lafayette | D20 | At Army | F10 |
| San Diego State Tour | D27 | Iona | F14 |
| At St. Peter's | J6 | At Holy Cross | F21 |
| At La Salle | J10 | Fairfield | F23 |
| Army | J13 | | |

St. Peter's (Peacocks)

Coach: Ted Fiore (first year at St. Peter's)
Starters Lost (1): Kevin Boyle, G, 5-11/Sr (7.9 ppg, 2.5 rpg, 8.3 apg, 81.7 FT%)
Starters Returning (4): Willie Haynes, G, 5-11/Soph (12.8 ppg, 2.6 rpg, 50.5 FG%), Derrick Howell, C, 6-7/Sr (6.8 ppg, 6.6 rpg, 61.6 FG%), Kenny Parker, F, 6-5/Soph (8.4 ppg, 3 rpg), Daren Rowe, F, 6-7/Sr (8.1 ppg, 5.1 rpg, 50 FG%)
Other Returnees: Tommy Barry, G, 6-2/Soph, Tony Gardner, F, 6-3/Sr (2.3 ppg), Larry Jones, G, F, 6-3/Jr (6.8 ppg, 2.5 rpg), Phil Morrison, C, 6-8/Soph., Alex Roberts, C, 6-7/Jr (4 ppg, 4 rpg), Jeff Usher, C, 6-6-Sr
Newcomers: John Cornell, C, 6-8/Fr., Matt McKenna, G, 6-4/Fr
1985-86 Record: 16-12, MAAC 7-7/4th
Site: Jersey City, N.J.

1986-87 Schedule

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|-------------------------|-----|---------------|-----|
| At Central Connecticut | N28 | Holy Cross | J10 |
| At Seton Hall | D3 | At Fairfield | J13 |
| Monmouth | D6 | At Fordham | J17 |
| F.D.J. Madison | D8 | At La Salle | J20 |
| At Manhattan | D10 | Army | J24 |
| At Dayton | D13 | At Iona | J24 |
| At Marist | D20 | Connecticut* | F3 |
| Fairleigh Dickinson | D23 | At Army | F5 |
| Siena Tournament | D27 | At Holy Cross | F7 |
| Nagars | D30 | At Army | F12 |
| Iona | J3 | Fordham | F14 |
| Manhattan | J6 | Fairfield** | F16 |
| *Meadowlands | | La Salle | F18 |
| **Madison Square Garden | | At Ulica | F23 |

Drexel Figures to Repeat In East Coast Conference

By DICK WEISS

You don't need an eye for talent to see that Drexel's Michael Anderson is the best player in the East Coast Conference. Anderson, on the other hand, needed his vision adjusted early last season.

Drexel coaches first suspected that something was wrong with Anderson's vision when they noticed him squinting on the court. They asked him if he could see the other end of the court, and he said no.

Anderson, who grew up in a poor area of Philadelphia in a home that had only one light, which was hardly conducive to good eyesight, was quickly hustled off to an eye doctor. Sure enough, the doctor determined he had blurred vision, and the Dragons' stellar guard was fitted for contact lenses.

At that point Anderson, who had been playing well already, really picked up steam. He wound up averaging 18.8 points, 6.5 rebounds, 7.3 assists and three steals per game (ninth in the nation) as he led Drexel (19-12) to its first ECC championship. He also made a national name for himself when he scored 18 points and had eight assists in an NCAA Tournament first-round loss to Louisville.

"Michael Anderson will be the best player in Philadelphia this year," Coach Eddie Burke predicted.

Anderson already is recognized as the league's top performer after capturing ECC Player of the Year and tournament Most Valuable Player honors. In four games he reached double figures in points, rebounds and assists, and 16 times he led the Dragons in scoring.

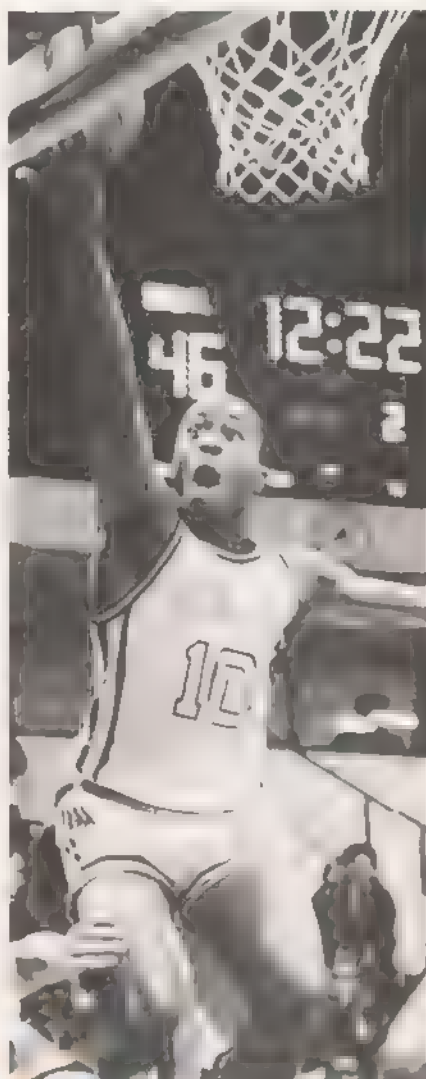
Anderson, three other returning starters and Burke's best recruiting year ever combine to make the Dragons a good pick to repeat as league champions.

The best of Burke's supporting cast is 6-foot-7 sophomore John Rankin (15 points, 7.2 rebounds). Rankin, the ECC Rookie of the Year, is the league's top big man. Rob Johnstone, a 6-8 transfer from Navy, also should contribute to a front line that includes forwards Casper Cooper and Pat Rafferty.

If there is any team capable of dousing the Dragons' fire, it could be Lehigh (13-15), which has a star of its own in All-ECC forward Daren Queenan, who averaged 19.8 points and 7.1 rebounds.

Coach Fran McCaffery, who welcomes back two other starters, will get a bonus if junior guard Mike Polaha can bounce back from knee surgery that sidelined him last season. Polaha was the MVP of the Engineers' 1985 ECC Tournament triumph.

All-ECC guard Chris Seneca is the best of Coach Charlie Woollum's five returning starters at Bucknell (17-12). The Bison could make a run for the title if sophomore center Mike Butts continues to ma-



Michael Anderson is the big gun in Drexel's loaded offensive arsenal.

ture and freshman guard Mike Joseph is as good as advertised.

Hofstra must replace its entire front line, but the Flying Dutchmen (17-13) got a head start when they signed a couple of prep stars, forward Matt Tucker and center Rich Kusmirek. Coach Richard Berg's backcourt is solid with senior Leroy Allen (15.1-point average) and sophomore Frank Walker.

Forwards Marshall Grier (17.3 points, 6.6 rebounds) and Ron Simpson (16.5 points) will make Rider (9-19) more competitive, but Coach John Carpenter must find a lead guard to complement Ed Titus if the Broncos want to stampede to the first division.

After averaging 15.6 points and 7.7 rebounds as a freshman, forward Otis Ellis could become a star for smallish Lafayette (14-15), which returns four starters. Coach Butch van Breda Kolff's major problem will be replacing the Leopards'

leading scorer, All-ECC center Gary Bennett.

Delaware (11-16) must replace All-ECC guard Oscar Jones, the league's top scorer last year, but could be a sleeper if Coach Steve Steinwedel can get enough inside play to complement a strong backcourt of senior Donald Dutton (14.4 points) and 5-7 junior Taurence Chisholm (8.5 assists). The Blue Hens also must clamp down defensively.

Towson State (8-20) lost both of its big men, leaving guards Bill Leonard and Michael Fink to carry the load offensively from the three-point circle. Forward John Bays is coming off an impressive rookie season. ■

Marist Should Roll In ECAC Metro

By MICHAEL EISEN

Shortly after being named the new coach at Marist (N.Y.) last summer, Dave Magarity flew to Europe. Not on vacation, mind you, but on business. He wanted to meet his basketball team.

Marist, which did not lose a single player from last season's 19-12 team, boasts five foreign players—two starters and three reserves. Together they helped spark the Red Foxes to the ECAC Metro Tournament championship and their first-ever appearance in the NCAA Tournament, where they were eliminated by Georgia Tech in the first round.

"My biggest job is to take them to the next level," said Magarity, whose team was cited by the league's eight other coaches as this year's runaway favorite. "This was a good team, but they certainly didn't dominate. We are going to try to dominate."

With Rik Smits, they just might. Smits, a 7-foot-3 junior from the Netherlands, led the Red Foxes in scoring (17.7 points per game) and rebounding (8.1 average) last year. The all-conference center was the league's most dominant defensive player.

"No one else in the league can match up with Smits," Wagner Coach Neil Kennett said. "Even if another team stays close for 38 minutes, he can take over at the end because he's 7-3."

The Red Foxes' other frontcourt starters are 6-11 Miroslav Pecarski of Yugoslavia, the ECAC Metro's Rookie of the Year, and 6-6 Mark Shamley. Junior Drafton Davis, who averaged eight assists per game to rank eighth in the nation, and senior Ron McCants return in the backcourt. The reserves include Peter Krasovec of Hungary, Alain Forestier of France and Rudy Bourgarel of Guadeloupe.

"They're loaded," Long Island Coach Paul Lizzo said. "I pick Marist first, second and third."

The conference tournament will be limited to the top six teams this season. Im-



Marist's Rik Smits, a 7-foot-3 center, is the dominant player in the ECAC Metro Conference.

proving **St. Francis (Pa.)**, a 10-18 team last year, should fill the second spot.

Like Magarity, Coach Kevin Porter also welcomes back five returning starters, including all-conference forward Lamont Harris, who averaged 23 points and 9.8 rebounds last winter. The Red Flash also has a weapon for the new three-point shot in Bob Gullickson, brother of Cincinnati Reds pitcher Bill Gullickson.

"He's the only player I enjoy watching warm up," Fairleigh Dickinson Coach Tom Green said.

Fairleigh Dickinson (22-8) won the regular-season title last year but bowed to Marist by a point in the conference championship game. The Knights were hit harder by graduation than Marist and St. Francis, but Green still has such talented players back as senior guard Kevin Saulny and junior forward Damari Riddick. But the real star of this team is top

scorer Jaime Latney, an all-conference forward who doesn't even start.

"He's one of those rare players who prefers to come off the bench," Green said. "He likes to watch for five or six minutes before going in."

Coming off a 16-12 season, **Loyola (Md.)** returns four starters, but the one missing is Kevin Carter, the league's No. 2 rebounder a year ago. Guard David Gately is the Greyhounds' top returning scorer, and Coach Mark Amatucci has several promising freshmen.

Wagner (N.Y.) again will be led by guard Terrance Bailey, who paced the nation in scoring with a 29.4 average. (See related story, page 126.) The Seahawks (16-13) also return three other starters, including the league's best name in forward Largest Agbejemisin. The 6-7 Nigerian ranked among the national leaders in rebounding (9.9 average).

St. Francis (N.Y.) and **Long Island**, close neighbors in Brooklyn which both went 9-19 last year, should battle for the last playoff spot. Coach Bob Valvano's Terriers are led by forwards Darrwin Purdie and Joe (Yogi) O'Neill. LIU lost all-conference guard Andre Ervin, but the Blackbirds have four starters back along with one freshman and six transfers, including Texas A&M transfer Freddie Burton and junior college recruit Calvin Lamb, an outside shooting threat.

Monmouth (N.J.) will get scoring power up front from Ken Henry and Fernando Sanders. Coach Ron Kornegay's Hawks (9-19) will be directed by guard Derric Thomas, the league's assists leader.

At **Robert Morris (Pa.)**, the Colonials (11-18) are looking to avoid the cellar. Coach Jarrett Durham's best player is senior forward Ron Winbush. ■

East Independents

A pair of Eastern independents, **Maryland-Baltimore County** and **Central Connecticut State**, will be making their Division I debuts this fall.

Maryland-Baltimore County went 5-23 in Division II last year. That brought about the hiring of Coach Jeff Bzdelik, formerly an assistant at Northwestern. Bzdelik has eight veterans, including guard Bobby Richardson and swingman Marty Stevenson, around which to rebuild, but the Retrievers' success will depend largely on the incoming recruiting class. But even with the six newcomers, only one Retriever is as tall as 6-foot-7.

Central Connecticut State (15-13) has an experienced coach in Bill Detrick, who has had only three losing seasons in 27 years. Behind guard Dwayne Jones, forward Keith Coleman and center Bryon Heron, the Blue Devils should be able to post their ninth straight winning season.

Three starters return from **Utica's** 13-14 team a year ago. If 6-10 center Tom Faber can stay out of foul trouble and point guard Eric Jeter can improve his playmaking, Coach Larry Costello's Pioneers could slip above .500. Junior college transfer Kris Gomory provides an outside shooting threat.

Brooklyn Coach Mark Reiner has assembled a good recruiting class that will help compensate for the loss of four starters from last year's 9-22 team. Junior college transfer Frank Gregov, a four-year Marine veteran, should blend nicely with senior forward Keith Grady and sophomore swingman Roger Lainge to give the Kingsmen a solid front line. Jeff Petway, another junior college product, will help in the backcourt.

"We're going to upset some teams," Reiner said. "We're going to surprise everybody." ■

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Long - Range Plans

Three-Point Rule Could Be Ticket Back to the Top

By BOB HAMMEL

Purdue Coach Gene Keady has a theory that college basketball's new three-point shot may help the Big Ten Conference back to NCAA Tournament prominence.

The Big Ten has a lot of ground to make up. It has been five years since the league had a team in the Final Four. Only once in the 48-year history of the tournament had the Big Ten gone even three years without a Final Four team (1970-72) before this drought began. But since Isiah Thomas led Bob Knight's 1981 Indiana team to the NCAA championship, the league has been a Final Four no-show.

"I don't know what it is," Keady said. "We've talked about it a lot as coaches."

Though Keady has no explanation for the league's poor tournament showing of late, he does think he knows what will put the conference back on the right track: The new rule granting teams three points for shots made beyond 19 feet, 9 inches.

"I think I'm going to like the rule," he said, "because if you've got a pretty good shooter out there, it's going to open up the post area."

"Therefore, the refs will be able to call a better game inside. It's been just a hatchet thing in there in our league lately. I think they've let our postmen play way too rough."

"Now if they're learning to play post defense, maybe we won't have our big kids getting into foul trouble in the first five minutes of an NCAA game."

Keady's theory is as good as any to explain why the Big Ten has been so docile the last few Marches. But Keady may have been looking deeper than is really necessary. The three-point shot may benefit Big Ten teams in the tournament simply because the league is blessed with an abundance of long-range shooters.

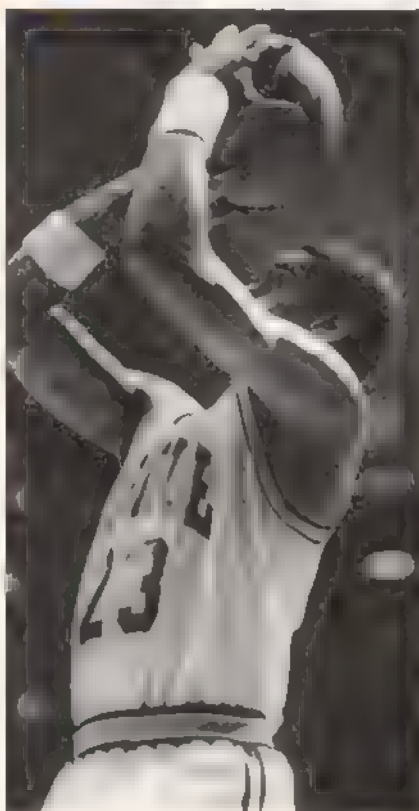
For starters, Indiana's Steve Alford, Purdue's Troy Lewis and Illinois' Doug Altenberger could be three of the top five outside gunners in the nation. Iowa's Jeff Moe and Michigan State's Darryl Johnson should rank pretty high as well.

"As a shooter, it definitely excites you," Alford said.

Not coincidentally, the schools represented by these five players are the leading contenders for the Big Ten title this year. And with Alford ranking as the league's best shooter, Indiana could be the team that brings Final Four prestige back to the Big Ten.



Illinois' Doug Altenberger (above) and Purdue's Troy Lewis are good bets to take advantage of the NCAA's new three-point rule.



This is the second season that Alford has been the last representative in college basketball of the gold-medal 1984 U.S. Olympic Team. The senior guard is the top returning scorer in the league (22.5 points per game) and is the only returnee from a five-man consensus All-America team.

Though Alford is the Hoosiers' best player, the key to this team figures to be whether 6-foot-10 newcomer Dean Garrett, a junior college recruit from California, can take over at center and free 6-7 Daryl Thomas for a return to forward.

Despite giving away size every game, Thomas averaged 14.5 points and 4.8 rebounds. But the fact that he was the big man on the front line explains why Indiana ranked eighth in rebounding in league play. The situation for this year became more bleak when it was announced that forward Andre Harris, Indiana's leading rebounder, was an academic casualty and would not return.

Michigan's overwhelming advantage on the boards accounted for the Wolverines' 80-52 shellacking of the Hoosiers in the regular-season finale, which determined the Big Ten champion. Correcting that deficiency ranks, in Knight's priorities, second only to the usual one: Tightening a defense that sometimes was solid

but occasionally was shredded.

Returning at the other forward spot is Rick Calloway, who was named Big Ten Freshman of the Year after averaging 13.9 points. Calloway is hoping that his shooting hand won't be affected by the wrist bone he cracked while playing on the U.S. team in Jones Cup competition in Taiwan last summer.

Also on that team was guard Keith Smart, a speedy junior college transfer signed by the Hoosiers. Smart, Garrett and freshman forward David Minor all should contribute as rookies. Knight also has several redshirts back to provide depth.

If all goes well for the Hoosiers, they will continue a resurgence that carried them from 7-11 in 1985—the only sub-500 league season in Knight's career—to second place last year.

If Indiana falls short, the hot-shooting tandem of Lewis and forward Todd Mitchell could carry Purdue to the top of the standings.

"Yeah, I think we've got the makeup for a Big Ten championship," Keady said. "I'm not sure it's next year. I'll be a little more secure with that when our sophomores now are seniors."

There is no question about the offensive talents of Lewis (18.4 scoring average) and Mitchell (16.1). But Keady would like to see some defensive improvement from both players.

Lewis "has got to become more aware on defense," Keady said. "We did recruit him with the idea he would be a scorer, but he needs to get better on defense. And I would like to see him stronger."

"I want to see Todd become a better rebounder. When he was a freshman, I compared him a little bit to Sidney Moncrief, but so far he has just not been as aggressive as Moncrief. And I'd like to see him improve his defense. I guess you always feel that way."

Keady went into the fall somewhat concerned about the physical status of 6-9 sophomore center Melvin McCants, who averaged 10 points as a rookie but finished the year limping on a sore ankle. McCants, who will share the rebounding burden with Mitchell, later left the U.S. Sports Festival with an injury.

"He's not a very tough kid yet, pain-wise," Keady said. "But he has lost a lot of weight. I think he's going to be a lot tougher mentally."

Keady's other returning starter is 6-5 forward Doug Lee, the Boilermakers' best defensive player and a floor leader. Some see Lee as an ideal sixth man, capable of supplying an instant lift in the backcourt or up front, but Keady said Lee is "too valuable to do that as far as being an aggressor and a leader. You think you don't want him at forward because he's not big enough, but he wound up 12th in the league in rebounds."



The success of Daryl Thomas could go a long way toward determining Indiana's title chances.

The only hole Keady must fill is Mack Gadis' point guard slot. Junior Everette Stephens is Gadis' likely successor, with senior Tim Fisher and freshman Tony Jones offering backup support.

"I've got to give him a little more freedom, I guess," Keady said of Stephens. "Bobby did it with Isaiah. He's a kid who wants to do well. Hopefully, more playing time will help him."

At Illinois, competitive swingman Altenberger found out when the NCAA Rules Committee met last spring just why the odds of chance delayed his senior season. Altenberger was one of the league's best outside weapons on strong Illini clubs in 1984 and '85, but he sat out last year after a knee injury forced Henson to red-shirt him.

Altenberger played his usual all-out, reckless game during the summer, indicating he is ready.

"You never know," Coach Lou Henson said, "but we think he'll be ready. He can shoot that three-point shot. We have two who can. Tony Wysinger is the other."

The Illini attack focuses on senior Ken Norman, an All-Big Ten pick who averaged 16.4 points and 7.1 rebounds and was Division I's No. 2 field-goal shooter (64.1 percent). He may be used at forward more than center this year, although the difference in deployment may not be noticeable. (See related story, page 133.)

"We'll play him on the block and outside some," Henson said. "He has improved tremendously. He's just one of the top six or eight kids in the country."

Lowell Hamilton, who played sparingly after arriving as a ballyhooed freshman, might get a chance to win the center job.

"He's only 6-7, but we may have to play him in there," said Henson, who also has a pair of 7-foot sophomores—Olaf Blab and Jens Kujawa—on his bench.

With Altenberger, Wysinger and Glynn Blackwell (a tough defender), Henson's backcourt is well stocked. Freshman guard Larry Smith rates as the Illini's most likely freshman contributor, but the abundance of guards may limit his playing time.

Henson's freshman class looks impressive, even without his top-rated recruit, forward Nick Anderson, who fell short of the NCAA's new academic guidelines and will not play this season.

New Iowa Coach Tom Davis, fresh in from Stanford after making a name for himself at Boston College, got an unusual chance to install his system early when he took the Hawkeyes on a Far East trip late last summer.

"It couldn't be at a better time," Davis said. "Watching a guy on film is one thing, but watching him play is another."

He didn't have to go beyond film-watching to know that his offense will spotlight

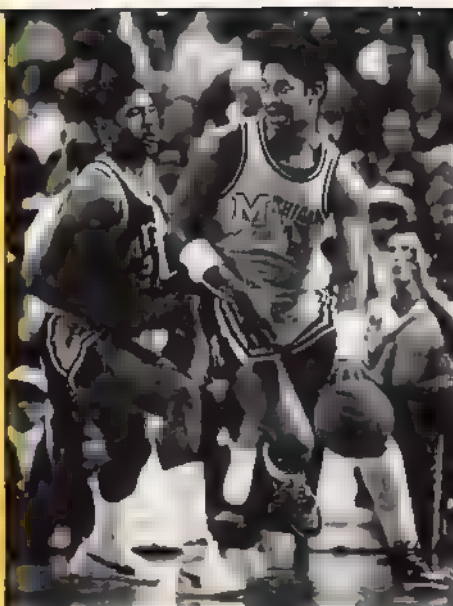
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Illinois (Fighting Illini)

Coach: Lou Henson (218-118, 11 years).
Starters Lost (3): Bruce Douglas, G (8.6 ppg, 8.2 apg, 2.8 fpg); Anthony Welch, F (10.4 ppg, 4.8 rpg, 53.4 FG%); Efram Winters, F (9.3 ppg, 5.7 rpg).
Others Lost: Scott Means, F-C (5.6 ppg, 2.8 rpg).
Starters Returning (2): Ken Norman, F-C, 6-8/Sr (16.4 ppg, 7.1 rpg, 84.1 FG%, 80.2 FT%), Tony Wysinger, G, 5-10/Sr (9.6 ppg, 3.8 apg, 83 FT%).
Other Returnees: Doug Altenberger, G-F, 6-4/Sr (RS/knee); Olaf Blab, C, 7-0/Soph; Glynn Blackwell, G, 6-4/Jr (6.4 ppg, 55.6 FG%), Lowell Hamilton, F, 6-7/Soph (3.7 ppg); Jens Kujawa, C, 7-0, 240/Soph.
Newcomers: Steve Bardo, G, 6-5/Fr., Jeff Finka, F, 6-6/Fr.; Kendall Gill, G, 6-3/Fr.; Phil Kunz, F, 6-8/Fr.; Larry Smith, G, 6-2/Fr.
1985-86 Record: 22-10; Big Ten: 11-7/T4th.
Site: Champaign, Ill.

1986-87 Schedule

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|-----------------------|-----|-------------------|-----|
| BYU-Hawaii Tournament | N28 | At Purdue | J22 |
| Chicago State | D4 | Arizona | J24 |
| At Pittsburgh | D8 | At Indiana | J28 |
| Eastern Illinois | D6 | Colorado | J31 |
| Illin Classic | D12 | At Ohio State | F2 |
| At North Carolina | D20 | Northwestern | F5 |
| Missouri | D23 | Wisconsin | F7 |
| At Loyola of Chicago | D27 | At Minnesota | F12 |
| Michigan | J3 | At Iowa | F14 |
| Michigan State | J5 | Purdue | F23 |
| At Wisconsin | J8 | Ohio State | F25 |
| At Northwestern | J10 | Indiana | M1 |
| Iowa | J14 | At Michigan | M4 |
| Minnesota | J17 | At Michigan State | M7 |
| *St. Louis | | | |



Michigan's Antoine Joubert.

Indiana (Hoosiers)

Coach: Bob Knight (336-115, 15 years).
Starters Lost (2): Andre Harris, F (8.4 ppg, 5.6 rpg, 59.8 FG%, 79.6 FT%), Roy Tarpley, C (15.9 ppg, 8.8 rpg, 2.8 fpg, 54.1 FG%, 81.1 FT%).
Others Lost: Stew Robinson, G (5.9 ppg, 3 apg, 83 FT%).
Starters Returning (3): Steve Alford, G, 6-2/Sr (22.5 ppg, 55.6 FG%, 87.1 FT%), Rick Calloway, F, 6-6/Soph (13.9 ppg, 4.9 rpg, 54.4 FG%); Darryl Thomas, C, 6-7/Sr (14.5 ppg, 4.8 rpg, 58.1 FG%).
Other Returnees: Steve Ehl, F, 6-5/Jr.; Joe Hillman, G, 6-2/Soph (RS); Todd Jadow, F-C, 6-9/Jr. (2.6 ppg); Todd Meier, F-C, 6-8/Sr.; Magnus Pelkowski, C, 6-10/Soph (RS); Brian Sloan, F-C, 6-8/Soph (RS).
Newcomers: Tony Freeman, G, 6-7/Fr.; Dean Garrett, C, 6-10/Jr. (JC); David Minor, F, 6-6/Fr.; Jeff Oliphant, G, 6-6/Fr.; Keith Smart, G, 6-2/Jr. (JC).
1985-86 Record: 21-8; Big Ten: 13-5/2nd.
Site: Bloomington, Ind.

1986-87 Schedule

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|-------------------|-----|-----------------|-----|
| Montana State | N29 | At Iowa | J22 |
| At Notre Dame | D2 | At Minnesota | J24 |
| Kentucky | D6 | Illinois | J28 |
| At Vanderbilt | D9 | Purdue | J31 |
| Indiana Classic | D17 | Michigan State | F4 |
| Morehead State | D20 | Michigan | F7 |
| Louisville | D23 | At Northwestern | F11 |
| Hoosier Classic | D26 | At Wisconsin | F16 |
| At Ohio State | J4 | Minnesota | F19 |
| At Michigan State | J8 | Iowa | F21 |
| At Michigan | J12 | At Purdue | F26 |
| Wisconsin | J15 | At Illinois | M1 |
| Northwestern | J17 | Ohio State | M7 |

Iowa (Hawkeyes)

Coach: Tom Davis (first year at Iowa).
Starters Lost (1): Andre Banks, G (10.3 ppg, 2.9 rpg, 3.7 apg, 2.1 fpg, 62 FG%).
Starters Returning (4): Bill Jones, G, 6-7/Jr. (9.6 ppg, 2.8 rpg, 80.2 FT%); Al Lorenzen, F-C, 6-8, 235/Jr (10 ppg, 4.7 rpg, 52.9 FG%); Roy Marble, F, 6-5/Soph (12.6 ppg, 4.9 rpg, 52.3 FG%); Gerry Wright, F, 6-7/Sr (10.7 ppg, 6.8 rpg, 59.2 FG%).
Other Returnees: B.J. Armstrong, G, 6-2/Soph (2.9 ppg); Kevin Gamble, F, 6-8/Sr (2.6 ppg); Ed Horton, F, 6-8/Soph (3.7 ppg, 2.9 rpg); Brad Lohaus, F-C, 7-0 235/Sr (3.6 ppg, 3.2 rpg); Jeff Moe, G, 6-4/Jr. (6 ppg, 53.2 FG%); Michael Reeves, G, 6-3/Jr.
Newcomers: Les Jepsen, C, 7-1/Fr. (RS); Mark Jewell, F, 6-9/Fr.
1985-86 Record: 20-12; Big Ten: 10-8/6th.
Site: Iowa City, Ia.

1986-87 Schedule

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|---------------------------|-----|-------------------|-----|
| Great Alaska Shootout | N28 | Ohio State | J24 |
| Missouri-St. Louis | D3 | At Michigan State | J29 |
| Amesbury-Hawkeyes Classic | D5 | At Michigan | J31 |
| Brightman Young | D9 | Minnesota | F4 |
| At Drake | D13 | At Arizona | F7 |
| Iowa State | D20 | Purdue | F12 |
| Rider | D22 | Illinois | F14 |
| Antarctic Classic | D28 | Ohio State | F18 |
| Northwestern | J3 | At Indiana | F21 |
| Wisconsin | J5 | Michigan State | F28 |
| At Minnesota | J10 | Michigan | F28 |
| At Illinois | J14 | At Northwestern | M5 |
| At Purdue | J19 | At Wisconsin | M8 |
| Indiana | J22 | | |

Bold face denotes conference-leading totals.

Michigan (Wolverines)

Coach: Bill Frieder (118-83, 6 years).
Starters Lost (3): Richard Rellford, F (11.8 ppg, 4.7 rpg, 59.8 FG%, 79.6 FT%), Roy Tarpley, C (15.9 ppg, 8.8 rpg, 2.8 fpg, 54.1 FG%, 81.1 FT%); Butch Wade, F (8 ppg, 5.7 rpg).
Others Lost: Billy Butts, G, 6-3/Soph (transfer/Hutchinson OC); Robert Henderson, F (6 ppg, 4.2 rpg).
Starters Returning (2): Gary Grant, G, 6-3/Jr (12.2 ppg, 3.2 rpg, 5.6 apg, 2.5 fpg); Antoine Joubert, G-F, 6-5/Sr (12.4 ppg, 2.8 rpg, 4.7 apg).
Other Returnees: Mark Hughes, F-C, 6-8/Soph (2.2 ppg); Gian Rice, F, 6-7/Soph (7 ppg, 3 rpg, 55 FG%); Steve Stoyko, F-C, 6-10/Jr.; Garde Thompson, G, 6-1/Sr (4.8 ppg).
Newcomers: Mike Griffin, F, 6-6/Fr (RS); Jack Kramer, G, 6-3/Fr.; J.P. Oosterbaan, C, 6-10 245/Fr (RS); Loy Vaughn, F, 6-9/Fr (RS).
1985-86 Record: 28-5; Big Ten: 14-4/1st

1986-87 Schedule

| | | | |
|-------------------|-----|-------------------|-----|
| Bradley | N21 | Syracuse | J18 |
| Ball State | D1 | At Northwestern | J21 |
| Central Michigan | D3 | At Wisconsin | J24 |
| Illinois-Chicago | D6 | Minnesota | J29 |
| Western Michigan | D8 | Iowa | J31 |
| Kent State | D9 | At Ohio State | F5 |
| Bowling Green | D15 | At Indiana | F6 |
| Northern Michigan | D20 | At Michigan State | F15 |
| UAB Classic | D29 | Wisconsin | F18 |
| At Illinois | J3 | Northwestern | F21 |
| At Purdue | J5 | At Minnesota | F25 |
| Ohio State | J8 | At Iowa | F28 |
| Indiana | J12 | Illinois | M4 |
| Michigan State | J15 | Purdue | M7 |
| *Coca-Cola NIT | | | |

Michigan State (Spartans)

Coach: Jud Heathcote (173-116, 10 years).
Starters Lost (2): Larry Poiec, F (10.7 ppg, 5.7 rpg, 56 FG%, 85.4 FT%); Scott Skiles, G (27.4 ppg, 4.4 rpg, 8.5 apg, 1.7 fpg, 55.4 FG%, 90 FT%).
Others Lost: Ralph Walker, F (2.8 ppg, 2.8 rpg).
Starters Returning (3): Vernon Carr, F, 6-6/Sr (13.8 ppg, 5.4 rpg, 3.1 apg, 56 FG%); Barry Fordham, C, 6-8/Sr (3.7 ppg, 2.8 rpg); Darryl Johnson, G, 6-2/Sr (18.6 ppg, 3.3 rpg, 3.7 apg, 58.2 FG%).
Other Returnees: Mark Brown, G, 6-0/Soph (2.3 ppg); Carlton Valentine, F, 6-6/Jr (6 ppg, 3.2 rpg, 65 FG%); Todd Wolfe, G-F, 6-5/Fr (played in one game before RS/ groin).
Newcomers: Kirk Manns, G, 6-1/Fr.; George Papadakos, C, 7-0/Jr. (transfer/Syracuse); Ken Redfield, F, 6-7 Fr. Bobby Worthington, F, 6-8/Jr (JC); Ed Wright, G-F, 6-5/Jr (JC).
1985-86 Record: 23-8; Big Ten: 12-6/3rd.
Site: East Lansing, Mich.

1986-87 Schedule

| | | | |
|----------------------|-----|-----------------|-----|
| Cutliss Classic | N28 | At Wisconsin | J22 |
| Brooklyn College | D2 | At Northwestern | J28 |
| At Maine | D4 | Iowa | J29 |
| At George Washington | D6 | Minnesota | J31 |
| Iowa State | D13 | At Indiana | F4 |
| At Illinois-Chicago | D16 | At Ohio State | F9 |
| At Texas Christian | D20 | Michigan | F15 |
| Cable Car Classic | D29 | Northwestern | F18 |
| At Purdue | J3 | Wisconsin | F21 |
| At Illinois | J5 | At Iowa | F26 |
| Indiana | J8 | At Minnesota | F28 |
| Ohio State | J10 | Purdue | M4 |
| At Michigan | J15 | Illinois | M7 |

forward Roy Marble, who led the Hawk-eyes in scoring as a freshman last winter.

"Roy is a great young player with enormous potential," Davis said. "From an athletic standpoint, he is the closest thing I've seen to a Michael Jordan."

Davis said he wants to apply full-court pressure on defense and expects Marble to be just as good in that department as he is offensively.

"He is extremely quick afoot, which gives him a chance to be a fine defender," he said. "He can really move those feet."

Al Lorenzen played center for Davis' predecessor, George Raveling, but Davis plans to use him at power forward. That opens up the pivot for either 7-foot senior Brad Lohaus or 7-1 redshirt freshman Les Jepsen. Joining Lorenzen at forward will be 6-7 Gerry Wright, the team's top rebounder.

"He's very quick and strong," Davis said of Wright, "and I know he plays bigger than 6-7. If we are running and pressing, his lack of size would not hurt him."

Moe, who started 12 games as a sophomore last year, provides a potent outside shooting threat and should give Bill Jones strong competition at off-guard. Sophomore B.J. Armstrong and junior Michael Reeves are the candidates at the point, although neither got much experience playing behind the departed Andre Banks last year.

"I would say we have good talent and good depth at three positions—second guard, small forward and power forward. We're questionable at the other two positions, center and point guard. Unfortunately, most people call those the critical areas on a basketball team."

Michigan State lost the league's top scorer and Player of the Year, guard Scott Skiles. But Coach Jud Heathcote has enough talented shooters returning that the Spartans should figure in the Big Ten race.

The backcourt will feature Johnson, who averaged 16.6 points a year ago. Johnson is a good shooter who likes to take the ball to the basket, but he may do so less often with the three-point shot available to him now.

The likely successor to Skiles' spot is either redshirt freshman Todd Wolfe or freshman Kirk Manns, both of whom are long-range threats.

The frontcourt will feature forward Vernon Carr (13.8 scoring average) and 6-8 Barry Fordham, a good defender who played center a year ago. Heathcote is hoping that the addition of 7-foot Syracuse transfer George Papadakos will allow Fordham to move to power forward and that junior college transfers Ed Wright and Bobby Worthington can solidify the frontcourt.

Though Michigan clearly was the class of the Big Ten the last two years, its resume lists just two NCAA Tournament vic-



The multi-talented Roy Marble could keep Iowa in the thick of the Big Ten Conference title chase.

times. Fairleigh Dickinson and Akron, both in close games. It seems that the Wolverines—a robust but none too mobile group—just weren't a good tournament team.

"We had problems against smaller, quicker teams," Coach Bill Frieder said, "and away from home. We also were a lot better against man-to-man teams than against zones."

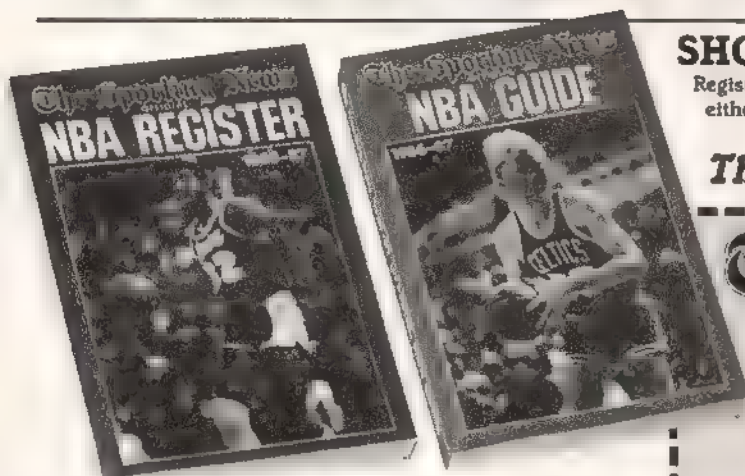
The Wolverines won't dominate the Big Ten this year. The huge front line that was a key to their success—All-Big Ten center Roy Tarpley and forwards Richard Rellford and Butch Wade—is gone. The Wolverines hoped to reload in a hurry with Terry Mills and Rumeal Robinson, but the same academic guidelines that forced Illinois' Anderson to remain idle this year befell the two prep All-Americans. Without them, Michigan figures to finish in the middle of the pack.

The new Michigan lineup probably will include three guards—returning starters Antoine Joubert and Gary Grant and backup Garde Thompson. Joubert probably will move to the frontcourt.

"I don't think that's a problem," Frieder said. "He's capable of being a good scor-

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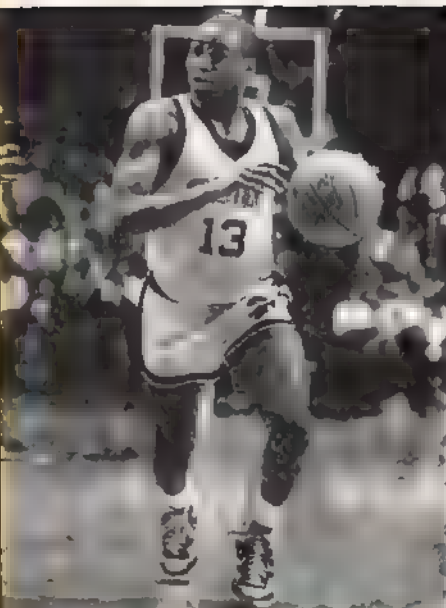
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Minnesota (Golden Gophers)

Coach: Clem Haskins (first year at Minnesota)
Starters Lost (5): Todd Alexander, G, 6-11/Jr (11.1 ppg, 3.7 rpg, 87.5 FT%), Mitch Lee, F (8.9 ppg, 8.3 rpg, left team), John Shasky, C (15 ppg, 7 rpg), Kevin Smith, F (10.3 ppg, 4.3 rpg, left team), Marc Wilson, G (16.2 ppg, 5.3 rpg)
Others Lost: Mark Anderson, G, 6-3/Sr (16.7 ppg, flunked out), Paul Van Den Ende, C, 7-0/Jr (transfer/Northwestern Okla. State), George Williams, F, 6-9/Jr (3.2 ppg, transfer/San Jose State)
Returnees: Ray Gaffney, G, 6-2/Soph (6.4 ppg), Tim Henson, G-F, 6-5/Jr (4.4 ppg), Dave Holmgren, C, 7-0/Jr (Kevin Smith, F, 6-7/Soph (7.8 ppg, 4.3 rpg), Terence Woods, F, 6-5/Sr (4.5 ppg)
Newcomers: Willie Burton, F, 6-7/Fr, Richard Coffey, F, 6-6/Fr (Army veteran), Connell Lewis, G, 6-1/Fr, Jim Shikenjanski, F, 6-9, 230/Fr; Terence Williams, G, 6-1/Fr; Kim Zurcher, G, 6-2/Jr (JC)
1985-86 Record: 15-16 Big Ten: 6-13/8th

1986-87 Schedule

| | | | |
|--------------------|-----|-------------------|-----|
| North Dakota State | N29 | At Illinois | J17 |
| At Houston | D1 | Ohio State | J21 |
| Eastern Michigan | D4 | Indiana | J24 |
| Chapman (Calif.) | D13 | At Michigan | J29 |
| At Oklahoma State | D15 | At Michigan State | J31 |
| Austin Peay | D18 | At Iowa | F4 |
| At Detroit | D20 | Illinois | F12 |
| Wichita State | D22 | Purdue | F14 |
| Tennessee Tech | D27 | At Indiana | F19 |
| Murray State | D30 | At Ohio State | F21 |
| Wisconsin | J3 | Michigan State | F25 |
| Northwestern | J5 | Michigan | F28 |
| Iowa | J10 | At Wisconsin | M5 |
| At Purdue | J14 | At Northwestern | M7 |



Michigan State's Darryl Johnson.

Northwestern (Wildcats)

Coach: Bill Foster (first year at Northwestern)
Starters Lost: None
Others Lost: Morel Branch, F; Roy Dixon, G (2.5 ppg); Joe Flanagan, G-F; Rocky Saviano, F (2 ppg, 2 rpg, opted to play baseball)
Starters Returning (5): Elliot Fullen, G, 6-2/Sr (8.7 ppg, 2.4 rpg); Shon Morris, F-C, 6-10/Jr (16 ppg, 7.5 rpg, 61.5 FG%, 80.3 FT%); Brian Schwabe, F, 6-9/Soph (18 ppg, 5.9 rpg), Shawn Watts, G, 6-1/Sr (5.7 ppg); Tim Wyss, G-F, 6-5/Sr (7.9 ppg, 2.8 rpg)
Other Returnees: Chris Berg, G-F, 6-7/Jr (RS/knee), Terry Buford, G, 6-4/Soph (2.8 ppg), Bo Cucuz, F-C, 6-9/Jr; Jeff Grose, G, 6-3/Soph (6.6 ppg, 88.4 FT%); Milan Petrovic, G, 6-4/Jr; Brian Potts, C, 7-0/Sr (2.3 ppg)
Newcomers: Donald Polite, G-F, 6-6/Fr, Bryan Ross, C, 6-10/Fr
1985-86 Record: 8-20, Big Ten: 2-16/10th
Site: Evanston, Ill.

1986-87 Schedule

| | | | |
|------------------------|-----|-------------------|-----|
| Md.-Baltimore County | N28 | At Ohio State | J15 |
| Northern Illinois | D1 | At Indiana | J17 |
| At Butler | D3 | Michigan | J21 |
| Illinois Wesleyan | D6 | Michigan State | J28 |
| Rollins (Fla.) | D13 | Wisconsin | J31 |
| Marquette | D16 | At Illinois | F5 |
| Florida Southern | D19 | At Purdue | F8 |
| At DePaul | D22 | Indiana | F11 |
| At Wisconsin-Green Bay | D27 | Ohio State | F14 |
| At Duke | D30 | At Michigan State | F19 |
| At Iowa | J3 | At Michigan | F21 |
| At Minnesota | J5 | At Wisconsin | M1 |
| Purdue | J8 | Iowa | M5 |
| Illinois | J10 | Minnesota | M7 |

Ohio State (Buckeyes)

Coach: Gary Williams (first year at Ohio State)
Starters Lost (1): Brad Sellers, F-C (19.8 ppg, 12.6 rpg, 2.9 ppg, 81.9 FT%)
Others Lost: Clarence McGee, F (4.2 ppg, 2.7 rpg, dropped out), Dave Pletke, C, 6-11, 250/Soph (transfer/Oklahoma State), Gary Rich, C, 6-11/Soph (transfer/Richmond)
Starters Returning (4): Jerry Francis, F, 6-5/Soph (8.1 ppg, 3.3 rpg), Dennis Hopson, G-F, 6-5/Sr (20.9 ppg, 5.8 rpg, 54.5 FG%); Kip Lomax, G, 6-10/Jr (5.1 ppg, 3 ppg); Keith Wesson, C, 6-9/Sr (4.1 ppg, 2.1 rpg)
Other Returnees: John Anderson, F, 6-9/Jr; Scott Anderson, G, 6-4/Jr; Jay Bursan, G, 6-0/Soph (5.9 ppg, 5.4 FG%); Tony White, F, 6-7/Soph; Curtis Wilson, G, 6-1/Jr (7.5 ppg, 3.2 ppg)
Newcomers: None
1985-86 Record: 19-14; Big Ten: 9-10/7th
Site: Columbus, O.

1986-87 Schedule

| | | | |
|-----------------------|-----|-----------------|-----|
| Florida International | N29 | At Minnesota | J21 |
| Western Michigan | D2 | At Iowa | J24 |
| Siena | D4 | Purdue | J29 |
| Oho University | D6 | Illinois | F2 |
| Bowling Green | D8 | Michigan | F5 |
| Howard | D12 | Michigan State | F9 |
| At Dayton | D16 | At Wisconsin | F12 |
| Gator Bowl Tr. | D19 | At Northwestern | F14 |
| Rainbow Classic | D27 | Iowa | F18 |
| Indiana | J4 | Minnesota | F21 |
| At Michigan | J8 | At Illinois | F25 |
| At Michigan State | J10 | At Purdue | F28 |
| Northwestern | J15 | At Indiana | M7 |
| Wisconsin | J17 | | |

Purdue (Boilermakers)

Coach: Gene Keady (124-60, 8 years)
Starters Lost (1): Mack Gadis, G (7.9 ppg, 2.3 rpg, 5.6 ppg)
Others Lost: Herb Robinson, F (3.4 ppg, 2.3 rpg)
Starters Returning (4): Doug Lee, F, 6-5/Sr (9.3 ppg, 5.3 rpg, 3.4 ppg); Troy Lewis, G, 6-4/Jr (18.4 ppg, 3.9 rpg, 82 FT%); Melvin McCants, C, 6-9/Soph (10 ppg, 4.6 rpg, 55.1 FG%); Todd Mitchell, F, 6-7/Jr (16.1 ppg, 7.2 rpg, 58.4 FG%, 80.1 FT%)
Other Returnees: Jeff Arnold, C, 6-10/Jr; Tim Fisher, G, 6-0/Sr; Kip Jones, F, 6-7/Soph (13.8 ppg, 2.3 rpg); Dave Stack, F, 6-6/Jr; Everett Stephens, G, 6-2 Jr (6.6 ppg)
Newcomers: Ryan Barning, F, C, 6-9/Fr (RS) John Brugos, F, 6-9/Fr; Tony Jones, G, 6-2/Fr; Tony Patterson, G, 6-5/Fr (RS); Steve Scheffler, F, C, 6-9/Fr
1985-86 Record: 22-10; Big Ten: 11-7/14th
Site: West Lafayette, Ind.

1986-87 Schedule

| | | | |
|----------------------|-----|-------------------|-----|
| Stetson | N28 | Iowa | J18 |
| Illinois State | D1 | Illinois | J22 |
| At Connecticut | D6 | At Ohio State | J29 |
| Wichita State | D8 | At Indiana | J31 |
| At Detroit | D13 | Wisconsin | F5 |
| Tempe | D20 | Northwestern | F7 |
| At Toledo | D22 | At Iowa | F12 |
| Morning News Classic | D29 | At Minnesota | F14 |
| Michigan State | J3 | At Illinois | F23 |
| Michigan | J5 | Indiana | F26 |
| At Northwestern | J8 | Ohio State | F28 |
| At Wisconsin | J10 | At Michigan State | M4 |
| Louisville | J14 | At Michigan | M7 |

*Daytona Beach, Fla.

Wisconsin (Badgers)

Coach: Steve Yoder (42-70, 4 years)
Starters Lost (1): Rick Olson, G (20.4 ppg, 88.2 FT%)
Others Lost: Jay Laszewski, C (3.1 ppg); Gregg Steinhaus, F-C (6.2 ppg, 3.1 rpg)
Starters Returning (4): Mike Heineman, G, 6-3/Sr (7.9 ppg, 3.5 rpg, 4.5 ppg, 80 FT%); Rod Ripley, F, 6-7/Sr (8.7 ppg, 6.9 rpg); Shelton Smith, G, 6-0/Jr (13.2 ppg, 54.9 FG%); J.J. Weber, F, 6-7/Sr (11.8 ppg, 5.8 rpg)
Other Returnees: Trant Jackson, G, 6-1/Soph (5.8 ppg); Tom Malesku, G-F, 6-6/Soph (4.4 ppg, 2.7 rpg); Pollis Robertson, F, 6-7/Soph; Darin Schubring, C, 6-9/Soph; Rob Willey, F, 6-9/Soph
Newcomers: Sean Fleming, G, 6-2/Fr, Danny Jones, F, 6-6/Fr; Kurt Portmann, F, 6-11/Fr; Byron Robinson, G, 6-4/Fr; Rodney Tapp, G, 6-0/Jr (JC)
1985-86 Record: 12-18; Big Ten: 4-14/9th

1986-87 Schedule

| | | | |
|----------------------|-----|-------------------|-----|
| Nebraska-Omaha | N28 | At Indiana | J16 |
| South Florida | N29 | At Ohio State | J17 |
| At Marquette | D1 | Michigan State | J22 |
| South Carolina | D4 | Michigan | J24 |
| At Central Michigan | D6 | At Northwestern | J31 |
| At Miami (Fla.) | D8 | At Purdue | F5 |
| North Dakota State | D10 | At Illinois | F7 |
| At Northern Illinois | D11 | Ohio State | F12 |
| Eastern Illinois | D22 | Indiana | F18 |
| Kentucky State | D23 | At Michigan | F18 |
| Rainbow Classic | D27 | At Michigan State | F21 |
| At Minnesota | J3 | Northwestern | M1 |
| At Iowa | J5 | Minnesota | M4 |
| Illinois | J8 | Iowa | M8 |
| Purdue | J10 | | |

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Sophomore Glen Rice, Michigan's most versatile athlete, should start at one forward spot.

"He is a great player," Frieder said. "It's just a matter now of getting the opportunity to play, and he'll get that."

"I don't know who the other starter will be. We've only got five other guys."

Sophomore Mark Hughes (6-8) and red-shirt freshmen Loy Vaught (6-9) and J.P. Oosterbaan (6-10) are possibilities.

After being informed that his request for a multiyear contract would not be granted, Coach Eldon Miller led Ohio State, the Big Ten's seventh-place team, to the National Invitation Tournament championship. Miller has since been replaced by Gary Williams, Davis' successor at Boston College.

With a new coach, the loss of All-Big Ten forward-center Brad Sellers (the league's top rebounder and shot-blocker) and virtually no new recruits, the Buckeyes' outlook is grim. Swingman Dennis Hopson, the league's No. 3 scorer a year ago with a 20.9 average, is the Buckeye standout, while junior Curtis Wilson should provide backcourt leadership after coming off the bench last year. Center Keith Wesson, guard Kip Lomax and forward Jerry Francis are returning starters.

Clem Haskins was brought in from Western Kentucky to rebuild the program at Minnesota, which was shattered last season by the arrests of three players on rape charges and the subsequent resignation of Coach Jim Dutcher.

Haskins' best returnee is forward Kelvin Smith, whom Haskins talked out of a summertime transfer. Ray Gaffney had some good games as a freshman guard, but no one else looms as a potential star. Haskins brought in a large freshman class to start the Golden Gophers' reconstruction.

Northwestern also has a new coach, Bill Foster, who excelled in a strong academic environment once before as the coach of Duke's 1978 NCAA Tournament runner-up team. With Foster at the helm—plus a full slate of returning starters—Wildcat fans are optimistic about the team's future. Junior forward-center Shon Morris, forward Brian Schwabe and guards Shawn Watts and Elliot Fullen are the top veterans.

Wisconsin lost leading scorer Rick Olson, but Coach Steve Yoder has a strong forward combination in J.J. Weber and Rod Ripley and backcourt leaders in Mike Heineman and Shelton Smith. Heineman and Weber are Wisconsin's most likely honors candidates, although Smith, who was academically ineligible to play the second semester last season, is the Badgers' leading returning scorer.

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Hard Times

Tulsa Favored As Bradley Gets Off-Season Jolts

By TOM SHINE

What a difference a year makes. In Peoria, Ill., people were going absolutely gaga over the Bradley Braves last season. The Braves won 22 games in a row, including a 16-0 mark in Missouri Valley Conference play. When the regular season ended, Bradley had the best record in the nation. There were songs and buttons and bus trips to the NCAA Tournament. It took Louisville, the eventual NCAA champion, to stop the Braves in postseason play. Dick Versace was the talk of the town and the national Coach of the Year.

They're still talking about Versace in Peoria, but in less than endearing terms.

That's because Versace has left Bradley for an assistant coaching job with Detroit in the National Basketball Association. Versace left in the wake of an NCAA investigation that resulted in Bradley being placed on probation for two years, including a one year ban on postseason play and off-campus recruiting. The NCAA also cited Versace for unethical conduct, saying he lied about his role in the infractions. Versace denied the charge.

Unhappy Bradley officials, though, told Versace that his latest one-year contract with the school would be his last. Versace, realizing it didn't make sense to stay where he wasn't wanted, fulfilled a long-term desire to coach in the NBA by joining Detroit in August.

"I had a wonderful eight-year stint at Bradley and I have some fond memories," said Versace, who led the Braves to three MVC titles and the National Invitation Tournament championship in 1982. "But it's over and it's time to move on. I'm looking forward to working for the Pistons and creating new memories."

Replacing Versace is Stan Albeck, most recently coach of the Chicago Bulls. After signing a five-year contract with his alma mater, Albeck said he is confident that the school can overcome the NCAA penalties.

"This is the only college job that I would take in my life. . . . I can't think of a better place than Bradley . . . to wind up my career," he said.

Albeck will have to make do without MVC Player of the Year Jim Les, the Braves' point guard and floor leader, as well as center Mike Williams, the league's dominant big man. But Albeck does have back shooting guard Hersey Hawkins,



Tracy Moore, Tulsa's All-Missouri Valley guard, is a major reason why the Golden Hurricanes are favored to win the conference title.

who earned All-MVC honors as a sophomore a year ago.

"He's a pro player," Wichita State Coach Eddie Fogler said of Hawkins, who averaged 18.7 points and a league-high 1.9 steals per game while connecting on 54.2 percent of his field-goal attempts.

Sophomore Anthony Manuel will inherit Les' job and play alongside Hawkins. The frontcourt returns two starters, junior forwards Trevor Trimpe and Donald Powell (the league's top shot-blocker). Freshman Luke Jackson, whom Versace called "the most talented player I ever recruited," is a good bet to play extensively at forward or center.

But it is doubtful that the Braves will be strong enough to repeat as league champions. Bradley, along with Illinois State, Wichita State and Drake, will spend the season trying to keep up with Tulsa.

Under first-year Coach J.D. Barnett last season, Tulsa throttled down its offense, turned up its defense and won 23 games, including an upset victory over Bradley in the final game of the MVC Tournament. Six of Barnett's top seven players, including four starters, return from that squad.

Leading the way are All-MVC guard Tracy Moore and forward David Moss. "The M&M Boys" were among the league's top scorers, accounting for 48.3 percent of the Golden Hurricane's points. They again will be fed sharp passes by point guard Byron Boudreaux.

Seniors Jeff Rahilly and Anthony Fobbs give Tulsa depth and experience at center. Brian Rahilly (Jeff's brother), who averaged 18 points and seven rebounds in the league tournament, should see a great deal of playing time at forward.

All this returning talent has Barnett thinking big.

"I think you win championships with returning players, not newcomers," he said.

Not that Barnett isn't happy about signing eight recruits.

"Last year we didn't have a bench or any numbers," Barnett said. "There were days we didn't have 10 to practice with."

Last season, Illinois State Coach Bob Donewald spent a lot of time teaching a squad that featured almost all freshmen and sophomores. This season he'll see

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Bradley (Braves)

Coach: Stan Albeck (first year at Bradley)

Starters Lost (2): Jim Lee, G (14.2 ppg, 3.4 rpg, 7.9 apg); Mike Williams, C (14 ppg, 7.1 rpg, 6.1 FG%)

Starters Returning (3): Hersey Hawkins, G, 6-3/Jr. (18.7 ppg, 5.7 rpg, 3 apg, 1.9 apg, 64.2 FG%); Donald Powell, F, 6-8/Jr. (8.7 ppg, 5.3 rpg, 60.9 FG%, 1.6 bpg); Trevor Trimpe, F, 6-7/Jr. (4.7 ppg, 4.6 rpg)

Other Returnees: Len Bertoni, G, 6-3/Jr. (3.1 ppg, 3.2 FG%); Greg Jones, F, 6-5/Jr. (2.7 ppg, 2.4 rpg); Anthony Manuel, G, 5-11/Soph.; Bruce Mordini, F, 6-7/Jr. (RS/knee); Jerry Thomas, F, 6-8/Jr. (3.7 ppg, 2.5 rpg); Paul Wilson, F, 6-0/Soph.

Newcomers: Mike Cash, G, 6-3/Fr.; Luke Jackson, F-C, 6-9/Fr. (RS)

1985-86 Record: 32-3, MVC 16-0/1st
Site: Peoria, Ill.

1986-87 Schedule

| | | | |
|----------------------------|-----|----------------------|-----|
| At Michigan* | N21 | Craigton | J22 |
| At UC-Irvine | D1 | Tulsa | J24 |
| At Long Beach State | D3 | At Wichita State | J29 |
| Southern Ill. Edwardsville | D6 | At Drake | J31 |
| Northern Illinois | D13 | At Southern Illinois | F4 |
| Marquette | D20 | Memphis State | F7 |
| At Evansville | D22 | Dayton | F9 |
| Detroit | J3 | Indiana State | F12 |
| At Loyola of Chicago | J5 | Wichita State | F14 |
| At St. Louis | J7 | At Creighton | F19 |
| Southern Illinois | J10 | At Tulsa | F21 |
| At Indiana State | J15 | Drake | F26 |
| At Illinois State | J17 | Illinois State | F28 |

*Coop. Coll. N.T.

Bold face denotes conference-leading totals.

Creighton (Bluejays)

Coach: Tony Barone (12-16, 1 year)

Starters Lost (3): Ed Johanson, C, 6-8/Jr. (6.9 ppg, 5.5 rpg, transfer/UC-Irvine); Reggie Morris, F (14 ppg, 3.1 rpg); Keith Smith, F (4.6 ppg, 4.9 rpg, 52.4 FG%)

Others Lost: Jamie Whitstone, F (2.5 ppg, transfer/Indiana Central); Bill Wirsky, F (transfer/Southern Idaho JC)

Starters Returning (2): Kenny Evans, F, 6-4/Sr. (15.7 ppg, 8.5 rpg); Gary Swain, F, 6-4/Sr. (12.3 ppg, 3 rpg)

Other Returnees: Renard Edwards, G, 5-10/Sr. (5.4 ppg, 2.8 rpg); Ted Stefanski, F, 6-6/Jr.

Newcomers: Brian Darcy, F, 6-8/Fr.; Todd Eisner, F, 6-8/Fr.; Tony King, F, 6-7/Fr.; Bill Nygard, F, 6-7/Fr.; Mike Pomeroy, C, 6-11/Fr.; Matt Roggenbuck, G, 6-4/Fr.; Rod Mason, G, 6-3/Jr. (JC)

1985-86 Record: 12-16 MVC 7-9/T5th
Site: Omaha

1986-87 Schedule

| | | | |
|------------------------|-----|----------------------|-----|
| Iowa State | D2 | Illinois State | J15 |
| Nebraska | D6 | Drake | J17 |
| At Kansas State | D9 | At Bradley | J22 |
| Nebraska Omaha | D11 | At Southern Illinois | J24 |
| At Xavier | D13 | Tulsa | J29 |
| At DePaul | D17 | Indiana State | J31 |
| Kearney (Nebr.) State | D20 | Wichita State | F5 |
| Marquette | D23 | Tulsa | F12 |
| All College Tournament | D26 | At Indiana State | F14 |
| At Dayton | D30 | Bradley | F19 |
| At Nebraska | J3 | Southern Illinois | F21 |
| At Wichita State | J10 | At Drake | F24 |
| Notre Dame | J12 | At Illinois State | F28 |

Drake (Bulldogs)

Coach: Gary Garner (64-76, 6 years)

Starters Lost (2): Demetrius Henderson, G (8 ppg, 4 rpg); Melvin Mathis, F (12.6 ppg, 8.8 rpg)

Starters Returning (3): Bart Frederick, C, 6-10, 240/Soph. (7.8 ppg, 3.7 rpg); Glenn Martin, G, 6-0/Jr. (18.5 ppg, 2.6 rpg, 4.5 apg); David Miller, G, 6-4/Sr. (15.2 ppg, 4.6 rpg, 51.8 FG%, 86 FT%)

Other Returnees: David Dahlke, F, 6-6/Sr. (5.1 ppg, 2.2 rpg); Doug Lampe, G, 6-2/Sr.; Michael Morgan, F, 6-6/Sr. (8.4 ppg, 6.4 rpg, 60.5 FG%); Doug Nauman, G, 6-0/Sr. (RS/foot); Dave Schmidt, F, 6-8/Soph.; David Zingo, G, 8-2/Jr.

Newcomers: Brian Brown, F, 6-5/Fr.; Walter James, G, 6-4/Jr. (JC, RS/back); Sam Roark, F, 6-5/Fr.; Terry Robinson, F-C, 6-8/Fr.; Joey Wright, G, 6-3/Fr.

1985-86 Record: 19-11; MVC 10-6/T2nd

Site: Des Moines

1986-87 Schedule

| | | | |
|---------------------|-----|----------------------|-----|
| Hawaii Pacific Inv. | N28 | Wichita State | J15 |
| South Dakota | D3 | At Creighton | J17 |
| At Iowa State | D6 | Southern Illinois | J22 |
| At Missouri | D9 | Indiana State | J24 |
| Iowa | D13 | At Illinois State | J29 |
| Southern Ill. (La.) | D16 | Bradley | J31 |
| Northern Iowa | D19 | At Indiana State | F5 |
| Wyoming | D22 | Tulsa | F7 |
| At New Mexico | D26 | At Northern Illinois | F10 |
| Lobo Invitational | D27 | At Southern Illinois | F14 |
| Heritage Drake Cl | J2 | At Wichita State | F19 |
| Wisconsin Oshkosh | J6 | Creighton | F24 |
| Illinois State | J8 | At Bradley | F26 |
| At Tulsa | J10 | | |



Illinois State's Derrick Sanders.

Illinois State (Redbirds)

Coach: Bob Donewald (158-78, 8 years)

Starters Lost: None

Others Lost: William Anderson, G (6.2 ppg, 90.6 FT%), Mark Krazig, G, 6-1/Soph. (3 apg, transfer); Jay Teagle, C, 6-10/Soph. (transfer/Taylor Institute)

Starters Returning (5): Bill Braksick, C, 7-0/Sr. (9.2 ppg, 5.6 rpg, 1.6 bpg); Tony Holfield, F, 6-7/Jr. (11.4 ppg, 5.7 rpg); Derrick Sanders, F, 6-6/Sr. (12.6 ppg, 7.4 rpg); Todd Starks, G, 6-3/Soph. (5.8 ppg); Matt Taphorn, G, 6-5/Jr. (6.3 ppg)

Other Returnees: Jeff Harris, G, 6-4/Jr. (5.3 ppg, 82.2 FT%); Jon Pemberton, F, 6-9/Soph.; Cliff Peterson, F, 6-8/Jr. (2.5 ppg)

Newcomers: Randy Blair, G, 6-3/Fr.; Jarrod Coismann, F, 6-6/Fr.; Kevin DeCraene, F, 6-8/Fr. (RS/knee); Ricky Jackson, G-F, 6-5/Fr.; Sonny Roberts, F, 6-7/Fr. (RS); Sam Skerch, G, 6-5/Fr.

1985-86 Record: 15-14 MVC 9-7/4th
Site: Normal, Ill.

1986-87 Schedule

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|---------------------|-----|----------------------|-----|
| Wisconsin Green Bay | N29 | At Tulsa | J22 |
| At Purdue | D1 | At Wichita State | J24 |
| At Penn | D6 | Drake | J29 |
| At St. Louis | D13 | Southern Illinois | J31 |
| Armstrong State | D15 | At Illinois Chicago | F2 |
| Music City Inv. | D19 | At Indiana State | F7 |
| Hoodier Classic | D26 | Wichita State | F12 |
| Southwest Missouri | D30 | Tulsa | F14 |
| At Iowa State | J3 | At Southern Illinois | F19 |
| At Drake | J8 | Chicago State | F21 |
| Indiana State | J10 | Creighton | F26 |
| At Creighton | J15 | At Bradley | F28 |
| Bradley | J17 | | |

Indiana State (Sycamores)

Coach: Ron Greene (11-17, 1 year)

Starters Lost (3): Bryan Kegerreis, G (5.4 ppg, 3.8 rpg); Jeff McComb, F (7.3 ppg, 5.5 rpg, 3.8 apg); John Sherman Williams, F (20.8 ppg, 5.9 rpg)

Others Lost: Antonio Gillespie, G (16 ppg)

Starters Returning (2): Damon Applewhite, F, 6-8/Soph. (8.6 ppg, 4.7 rpg); Chris Harris, G, 6-5/Soph. (5.3 ppg, 2.1 rpg)

Other Returnees: Larry Bush, F, 6-8, 230/Jr. (6.7 ppg, 3.8 rpg); Lee Moore, F, 6-8/Jr. (returned from JC); Dean Oliphant, C, 7-0/Soph. (returned from JC)

Newcomers: Reggie Addley, G, 6-1/Fr. (from Bahamas); Olufemi Akinola, F, 6-8/Fr. (from Nigeria); Dion Campbell, G, 6-5/Jr. (transfer/Oklahoma State); Ron Cheatham, G, 6-4/Fr.; Jeff Cooper, G, 6-2/Fr. (RS/foot); Benji Frazier, G, 6-6/Jr. (JC); Joe Jones, G, 6-4/Jr. (JC); Tony Twitty, G, 6-0/Jr. (JC); Brian Williamson, F-C, 6-9/Jr. (JC)

1985-86 Record: 11-17 MVC 5-11/T7th

1986-87 Schedule

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|---------------------|-----|----------------------|-----|
| Westmont | N29 | Tulsa | J17 |
| William Penn | D1 | At DePaul | J19 |
| At Ball State | D3 | At Wichita State | J22 |
| At Evansville | D6 | At Drake | J24 |
| Butler | D18 | Southern Illinois | J29 |
| Early Season Tour | D12 | At Creighton | J31 |
| Rollins College | D17 | Drake | F6 |
| Blackburn College | D20 | Illinois State | F7 |
| At Butler | D27 | At Bradley | F12 |
| Cincinnati | D29 | Coughlin | F14 |
| St. Louis | J3 | At Tulsa | F19 |
| At Eastern Illinois | J7 | Wichita State | F21 |
| At Illinois State | J10 | At Southern Illinois | F26 |
| Bradley | J15 | | |

Southern Illinois (Salukis)

Coach: Rich Herrin (8-20, 1 year)

Starters Lost (1): Ken Dusharm, F (6.8 ppg, 2.8 rpg, left team); Others Lost: Grant Martin, F (transfer/Barton County CC); Thad Matto, G, 6-4/Soph. (transfer/Butler); Den Weiss, F.

Starters Returning (4): Steve Middleton, G, 6-2/Jr. (16.4 ppg, 4.5 rpg); Doug Novsek, F, 6-5/Sr. (12.4 ppg, 4.2 rpg, 87.1 FT%); Billy Ross, F, 6-4/Soph. (6.8 ppg, 4.6 rpg); Brian Welch, G, 8-2/Sr. (5.1 ppg)

Other Returnees: Wayne Harris, G, 6-3/Sr.; Randy House, F, 6-4/Soph. (8 ppg, 4.1 rpg, 85.5 FT%); Todd Krueger, C, 6-8/Soph. (2.3 ppg); Greg Matto, G, 6-4/Jr. (3.7 ppg, 3 rpg)

Newcomers: Dave Busch, C, 6-10/Fr.; Tim Richardson, C, 6-9, 235/Jr. (JC); Jay Schafer, F, 6-7/Fr.

1985-86 Record: 8-20, MVC 4-12/T8th
Site: Carbondale, Ill.

1986-87 Schedule

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|--------------------------|-----|-------------------|-----|
| Wisc. Stevens Point... | N28 | At Drake | J22 |
| Murray State | D1 | Creighton | J24 |
| Investors Classic | D6 | At Indiana State | J29 |
| Nebraska | D10 | At Illinois State | J31 |
| Indiana Classic | D12 | Bradley | F4 |
| At Northern Illinois | D20 | At Wichita State | F7 |
| St. Louis | D23 | Eastern Kentucky | F10 |
| Eastern Illinois | J3 | Drake | F14 |
| At So. Ill. Edwardsville | J8 | Illinois State | F19 |
| At Bradley | J10 | At Creighton | F21 |
| Tulsa | J15 | At Tulsa | F23 |
| Wichita State | J17 | Indiana State | F26 |

Tulsa (Golden Hurricane)

Coach: J.D. Barnett (23-9, 1 year)

Starters Lost (1): Herb Suggs, G (4.4 ppg, 2.6 rpg)

Others Lost: David Otto, C, 7-0/Jr. (transfer/Southern Oklahoma State)

Starters Returning (4): Byron Boudreaux, G, 6-3/Sr. (9.7 ppg, 2.4 rpg, 4.9 apg); Anthony Fobbs, C, 6-9/Sr. (5.1 ppg, 4 rpg, 53.5 FG%); Tracy Moore, G, 6-5/Jr. (16.8 ppg, 3.6 rpg); David Moss, F, 6-7/Sr. (14.7 ppg, 6.4 rpg, 52.1 FG%, 86.6 FT%)

Other Returnees: Daryl Deckard, G-F, 6-5/Jr.; Brian Rahy, F, 6-11/Sr. (8.9 ppg, 4.4 rpg); Jeff Rahilly, C, 6-9/Sr. (5.6 ppg, 4.2 rpg)

Newcomers: John Buckwalter, F, 6-7/Fr.; Greg Johnson, G, 6-4/Fr.; Rodney Johnson, G, 6-1/Fr.; Brian Loyd, G, 6-3/Fr.; Rod Parker, G, 6-0/Fr.; Donald Royster, F, 6-6/Jr. (transfer/Mississippi); Alyn Thompson, C, 7-0/Fr.

1985-86 Record: 23-9 MVC 10-6/T2nd
Site: Tulsa

1986-87 Schedule

| | | | |
|----------------------|-----|-------------------|-----|
| Fleet Classic | N28 | At Indiana State | J17 |
| Oral Roberts | D2 | Illinois State | J22 |
| Cal. Irvine | D4 | At Bradley | J24 |
| At Baylor | D6 | Creighton | J29 |
| At Texas Christian | D8 | Wichita State | J31 |
| Oklahoma State | D13 | At Drake | F7 |
| Mississippi | D18 | At Creighton | F12 |
| At Colorado | D20 | At Illinois State | F14 |
| First Tulsa Classic | D29 | Indiana State | F19 |
| At Oral Roberts | J8 | Bradley | F21 |
| Drake | J10 | Southern Illinois | F23 |
| At Southern Illinois | J15 | At Wichita State | F26 |

Wichita State (Shockers)

Coach: Eddie Fogler (first year at Wichita State)

Starters Lost: None

Others Lost: Mike Arline, G, 5-11/Sr. (transfer/Fayetteville State); Curtis Bailey, F, 6-9/Jr. (3.2 ppg, transfer/Fayetteville State)

Starters Returning (5): Steve Gray, F, 6-8/Soph. (5.2 ppg, 3.7 rpg); Law Hill, G, 6-5/Sr. (9.6 ppg, 3.1 rpg); Dwight Praylow, G, 6-5/Soph. (3.9 ppg); Sasha Radunovich, F-C, 6-9/Jr. (11.6 ppg, 7.3 rpg); Gus Santos, F, 6-7/Sr. (15 ppg, 5.6 rpg, 51.4 FG%)

Other Returnees: John Askew, C, 7-0, 240/Sr. (2.7 ppg); Henry Carr, C, 6-8/Sr. (3.4 ppg, 3.5 rpg); Cedric Coleman, F, 6-2/Jr. (2.6 ppg, 2.9 rpg); Gary Cundiff, G, 6-2/Sr. (2.9 ppg); Tom Kosich, F-C, 6-10/Jr. (RS/back); Dwayne Praylow, G, 6-5/Soph.; Ted Williams, F-C, 6-9/Soph. (3.7 ppg, 2.8 rpg)

Newcomers: Brent Bass, G, 6-2/Fr.; Joe Griffin, G, 6-0/Fr.

1985-86 Record: 14-14, MVC 7-9/T5th

1986-87 Schedule

| | | | |
|-----------------------|-----|----------------------|-----|
| University of Pacific | N29 | At Southern Illinois | J17 |
| At S.W. Louisiana | D1 | Indiana State | J22 |
| Wichita Shootout | D5 | Illinois State | J24 |
| At Purdue | D8 | Bradley | J29 |
| At Mississippi State | D10 | At Tulsa | J31 |
| Kansas State | D13 | At Creighton | F5 |
| At Minnesota | D22 | Southern Illinois | F7 |
| Hawaii Lua Classic | D26 | At Illinois State | F12 |
| Northern Arizona | D30 | At Bradley | F14 |
| Pan American | J3 | Drake | F19 |
| Kansas | J6 | At Indiana State | F22 |
| Creighton | J10 | Chicago State | F24 |
| At Kansas State | J12 | Tulsa | F26 |
| At Drake | J15 | | |

how well they listened.

"Our basic squad is intact," Donewald said. "I think the question that remains for us is, 'Can we take the giant step forward?' If we do, we could make it interesting."

Four starters return for Donewald, including senior forward Derrick Sanders, who led the Redbirds in scoring (12.6 average) and rebounding (7.4). Donewald will be looking to Sanders and 7-foot center Bill Braksick for leadership. Braksick tied Bradley's Powell for the league high in blocked shots.

Rounding out the front line is junior forward Tony Hohnfield, who was second to Sanders in scoring and rebounding a year ago.

The only starter Donewald lost was guard Mark Kraatz, who decided to transfer after a freshman year in which he led the Redbirds in assists. Kraatz's departure makes the backcourt a question mark, but Donewald still has Todd Starks, who had a solid rookie season, junior Matt Taphorn and long-range bomber Jeff Harris.

Although only two seniors are on this winter's roster, the experience all these youngsters got last season should be enough to bring Illinois State its 17th consecutive winning season.

Wichita State had put together six straight winning seasons before going 14-14 last year. As a result, Gene Smithson was fired and replaced by Fogler, an assistant at North Carolina for 13 years.

Fogler inherits all five starters from Smithson, although that could be a mixed blessing. The Shockers made only 43.1 percent of their shots from the floor and 62 percent from the foul line last season while averaging 63.4 points, their lowest output in more than 30 years. They also led the league in turnovers.

"You still have to put the ball in the basket to win basketball games," Fogler said. "This team had a difficult time doing that last season."

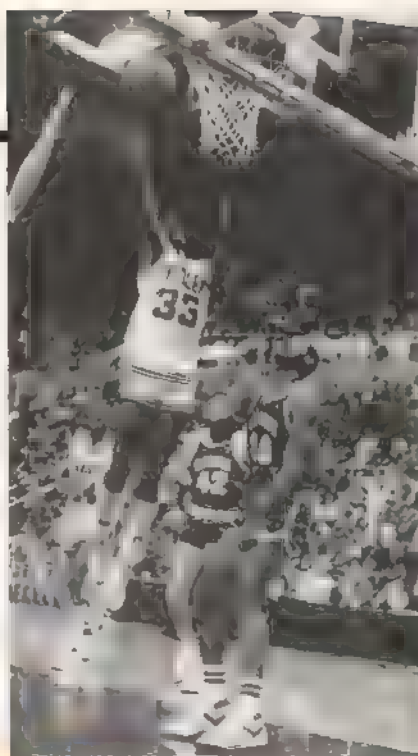
Fogler is just hoping that the number of returning players translates into more maturity and depth.

"With as much experience coming back as we do, I think we should be competitive," he said.

Though Fogler has declared every position wide open, senior Gus Santos figures to start again. The forward averaged 15 points and was the only Shocker to shoot better than 50 percent from the field. Santos' status was uncertain after an off-campus run-in with police last summer, but his suspension probably will be lifted before the season opens.

Sasha Radunovich, a 6-9 native of Yugoslavia who averaged 7.3 rebounds in his first year of collegiate ball, also should reclaim his starting berth.

The Shockers should be better if guard Lew Hill can stay healthy and if last year's rookies can play like veterans.



Bradley's Hersey Hawkins will have to carry the load for Bradley, which lost its coach and was slapped with probation during the off-season.

Guard Dwight Praylow, forward Steve Grayer and forward-center Ted Williams return after erratic freshman seasons. Fogler's biggest problem will be locating a point guard. Freshman Joe Griffin could be the answer there.

Coach Gary Garner put together his first winning season in five years at Drake last year. He has the talent to do it again, although he must replace All-MVC forward Melvin Mathis, who finished as Drake's all-time leading rebounder and second-leading scorer.

"That's a pretty big replacement," Garner said. "He's been such a big cog for us."

David Miller, the MVC Newcomer of the Year, should keep the machinery oiled. The Wisconsin transfer averaged 15.2 points while playing small forward but will move to off-guard this season.

"He was a consistent offensive player for us all last season," Garner said.

In order to move Miller to the backcourt, Garner will have to find help up front for 6-10 center Bart Friedrich. Senior Michael Morgan, who was among the league's top rebounders last season despite serving as the Bulldogs' sixth man, senior David Dahlke and sophomore Dave Schmidt are the most likely candidates at forward, a potential weak spot for the Bulldogs.

Point guard Glenn Martin will be backed up by Walter James, who sat out last season with a back injury and can play either backcourt position.

The good news at Creighton is that Kenny Evans, the team's leading scorer and rebounder, was granted another year of eligibility. The bad news is that the de-

parture of 6-9 center Ed Johansen has made a small team even smaller.

Unless you count the recruits. Four of Coach Tony Barone's seven recruits are taller than 6'7", including 6'11" Mike Pomeroy and 6'8" Brian Darcy.

If any of these newcomers pan out, Evans will be able to move to guard. At 6-4, Evans was outsized at his forward position but still managed to average 15.7 points and 8.5 rebounds. He was the only player in the league to finish in the top five in both categories.

"Kenny really developed as a person and player last year," Barone said.

Forward Gary Swain, a streak shooter, and guard Renard Edwards both return. But for the most part, the Bluejays will be young and inexperienced this year.

The same will be true at **Indiana State**, where you can expect program sales to soar this season. Coach Ron Greene added 10 new players to the team.

"We needed the revenue," Greene cracked. "That's the reason we did it."

The Sycamores also needed the players. When MVC scoring champ John Sherman Williams (20.8 average) graduated, so did 34.2 percent of Indiana State's offense.

Forwards Darrion Applewhite, who averaged only 8.6 points but still ranked as the team's No. 2 scorer, and Larry Bush need to be more consistent. Front-line help may come from junior college transfers Dean Oliphant (7-foot), Brian Williamson (6-9) and Lee Moore (6-8).

Junior Dion Campbell, who sat out last season after transferring from Oklahoma State, and redshirt freshman Jeff Cooper, who missed last season with a broken foot, will vie for backcourt time alongside Chris Harris.

Another newcomer at Indiana State is Eddie Bird, whose brother Larry once played for the Sycamores and now stars for the Boston Celtics. Bird ran into academic difficulties, however, and will be a walk-on this season.

At **Southern Illinois**, the Salukis will be counting on guard Steve Middleton (16.4 scoring average) to help them improve on last year's 20-loss campaign.

"Steve Middleton is the key to our success, no doubt about it," said Coach Rich Herrin, who won just eight games in his collegiate debut after winning 616 as a high school coach. "He's a great player."

Doug Novsek (12.4 points) was the only other Saluki to average in double figures. That's bad news for a team that allowed 70.6 points per game. The Salukis also had the league's worst rebounding margin.

"Our best lineup last year didn't have anyone over 6-4," Herrin said.

Tim Richardson, a 6-9 junior college transfer, and 6-8 sophomore Todd Krueger may change that. ■

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Miami's Long-Range Bomber Is Set, Ready to Explode

By DAVE LONG

Roses for their wives. A family vacation on Maui. A round of golf at Augusta National. A date with Vanna White.

If Eric Newsome could, he would give all of those gifts—and many more—to the members of the NCAA Rules Committee. What they did last April made Newsome one of the happiest basketball players in the land.

The committee made Newsome's senior year at Miami of Ohio when it adopted a rule allowing a three-point field goal from 19 feet, 9 inches.

"God, I love them," the 5-foot-9 guard said. "I always hoped they'd pass that rule in college before I graduated. They finally did. It won't change my game any. I'll just be getting more points for shooting the way I always have."

Newsome has always had to be a good outside shooter because of his size. As a senior at Rogers High School in Toledo he averaged 27.6 points per game, most of them from downtown range. After learning to become a more selective shooter his freshman year at Miami he averaged 17 points as a sophomore and 18.1 last season.

"Newsome has been partying all summer because they put in the three-point shot," Western Michigan Coach Vernon Payne said. "He's the best outside shooter in the Mid-American Conference. His average went up 10 points a game when the committee said yes."

Newsome has gotten many of his points from three-point range over the last two years. He also is adept at driving the lane, drawing a foul and sinking a basket anyway. Newsome, an 84.8 percent free-throw shooter last season (the league high), often turns that into three points, too.

Despite his obvious talent, Newsome was overshadowed at Miami last season by All-America forward Ron Harper, the eighth player taken in the National Basketball Association draft.

"Harper was the star, but Newsome was the guy who killed you," Ohio University Coach Billy Hahn said. "He'll benefit as much as anyone in the country from the three-point shot."

With Harper and Newsome leading the way, Miami has put together three straight 20-victory seasons and NCAA Tournament appearances. The Redskins won the regular-season league title two of those years, including last season.

"Eric is obviously going to have to pick up some of the slack left by our losing Harper," Miami Coach Jerry Pearson said. "He'll benefit a lot from the three-point play because he's such a great outside shooter. I wasn't an advocate of passing the three-point shot rule, and I'm still not sure that I like it. But with a shooter like



Dan Majerle, who averaged 21.4 points last season, is the key to Central Michigan's title hopes.

Eric from the outside we'll try to utilize his skill as much as possible."

Harper, the league leader in scoring, rebounding, steals and blocked shots, was the only starter Miami lost. But the three returning starters besides Newsome—forward Karlton Clayborne, center Jeff Fuerst and swingman Todd Staker—averaged only 15.7 points between them. Harper and Newsome got the job done most of the time.

Point guard Eddie Schilling was out part of the year with a bad knee but is back at full strength now. Miami was counting on forward-center Lamont Hanna, who came on strong late last year, but he is out for the season after undergoing knee surgery.

All this experience should keep Miami in contention for the MAC title, although Central Michigan, Western Michigan and Ohio would surprise nobody if one of them wound up on top.

Central Michigan Coach Charlie Coles

is counting on his "Thunder and Lightning" attack of All-MAC forward Dan Majerle (21.4 scoring average) and guard Ervin Leavy (18.6) to lead the Chippewas to their first MAC title since 1979.

"We expect them to play well again," Coles said, "and hopefully we'll be able to get more help for them."

Sure to help at guard is junior college star Tommie Johnson. With Majerle, Leavy and Johnson, the Chippewas have three of the league's best players.

Chippewa fans also are hoping that Coles' health is improved. The second-year coach missed part of last season because of heart problems.

Western Michigan lost its starting backcourt but will have a solid front line. Senior forward Booker James already is a proven star, while 6-10 Tony Baumgardt and 6-9 Steve Rikonen should be stronger and wiser as sophomores. Seniors Steve Amundson and Randy Bolden will try to fill the Broncos' backcourt void.

At Ohio, Hahn was promoted from assistant coach when Danny Nee went to Nebraska. Hahn will try to guide the Bobcats to their fifth straight 20-win season.

Forward Paul (Snoopy) Graham, the MAC Freshman of the Year, will lead the Bobcats, while John Rhodes and guard Roger Smith provide support. But guard Dave Jamerson, who injured his knee last summer, will be missed.

Ball State came on strong at the end of last season to win the MAC Tournament and finish 21-10. But the Cardinals lost four starters, including All-MAC forward Dan Palombizio. Coach Al Brown's top returnee is guard Derrick Wesley.

Kent State Coach Jim McDonald has four starters back, including 6-8 Terry Wearsch, perhaps the league's top center this year. Guard Bill Toole is an accomplished floor leader and shooter.

Toledo suffered its first losing season since 1959 by going 12-17. Coach Bob Nichols has plenty of players back with starting experience, including center Blake Burnham (16.7 scoring average) and guard Gary Campbell, to start a new winning streak.

This will be Ben Braun's first full year as Eastern Michigan coach after taking over for the last 15 games of last season when Jim Boyce abruptly resigned. Forward Mike McCaskill and three other starters return, but many spots on the Huron bench will be filled by newcomers.

"While I don't think that we're completely rebuilding our program, we're certainly overhauling it," Braun said.

Bowling Green State is not likely to improve much on its 7-20 record. Former Virginia assistant Jim Larranaga had time to bring in only one recruit after being hired in March, and forward Jim Smith left school for academic reasons. ■

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Ball State (Cardinals)

Coach: Al Brown (59-57, 4 years)
Starters Lost (4): Dan Palombizio, F (20.2 ppg, 10.1 rpg, 84.8 FT%); Ron Peters, C (6.2 ppg, 2.5 rpg); Larry Reed, G (12.7 ppg, 3.9 rpg, 4.5 apg, 55.5 FG%, 80.9 FT%); Chris Shelton, G (13.9 ppg, 3.9 rpg, 5.5 apg, 1.7 spg, 82.9 FT%).
Others Lost: Max Clark, C (3.4 ppg, 2.2 rpg); Jon Luedke, C (12.9 rpg); John Wittington, C.
Starters Returning (1): Derrick Wesley, G, 6-3/Jr. (11 ppg, 3.9 rpg).
Other Returnees: Steve Dziatczak, C, 6-9/Jr. (3.4 ppg, 2.9 rpg); Dave Ehs, G, 6-0/Jr.; Charles Smith, F, 6-4/Sr. (6.5 ppg, 2.5 rpg, 51.7 FG%).
Newcomers: Rick Bottenhaus, C, 7-0, 245/Fr.; Rodney Haynes, G, 6-1/Fr.; Greg Miller, F, 6-7/Fr.; Scott Nichols, G, 6-1/Fr.; Ed Zello, F, 6-8/Fr.
1985-86 Record: 21-10; MAC: 11-7/3rd.
Site: Muncie, Ind.

1986-87 Schedule

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|--------------------------|-----|---------------------|-----|
| St. Mary's (Mich.) | N29 | Bowling Green State | J21 |
| At Michigan | D1 | At Eastern Michigan | J24 |
| Indiana State | D3 | Toledo | J28 |
| At Butler | D6 | At Kent State | J31 |
| At Western Illinois | D9 | At Central Michigan | F4 |
| Cardinal Varsity Club Cl | D12 | Miami of Ohio | F7 |
| Volunteer Classic | D19 | At Western Michigan | F11 |
| At Northern Illinois | D30 | Ohio | F14 |
| Kent State | D3 | At Bowling Green | F18 |
| Central Michigan | J7 | Eastern Michigan | F21 |
| At Miami of Ohio | J10 | At Toledo | F25 |
| Western Michigan | J14 | Northern Illinois | F28 |
| At Ohio | J17 | | |

Sold face denotes conference-leading totals.

Bowling Green State (Falcons)

Coach: Jim Larranaga (first year at Bowling Green)
Starters Lost (2): Brian Miller, G (15.1 ppg, 2.3 rpg, 3.6 apg); Jim Smith, F (14.7 ppg, 5.7 rpg, dropped out).
Others Lost: Bob Nass, F, 6-7/Sr. (4.2 ppg, 2.9 rpg, RS/knee).
Starters Returning (3): Joe Gregory, G, 5-11/Soph. (5.9 ppg, 3.1 apg); Steve Marteniet, F, 6-6/Jr. (9.7 ppg, 4.8 rpg, 58.5 FG%, 84.8 FT%); Anthony Robinson, F, 6-6/Jr. (9.6 ppg, 5.8 rpg).
Other Returnees: Frank Booker, G, 6-2/Sr. (4.5 ppg in 5 games before becoming academically ineligible); Avon Davey, C, 6-9, 230/Sr. (RS/ankle); Scott Kalish, G, 5-11/Soph.; Mike Maeske, F, 6-7/Jr. (RS/knee); Lemon Pappin, F, 6-6/Soph. (2.6 ppg); Dan Raupp, C, 6-8/Soph.; James Tyler, F, 6-5/Jr. (4.1 ppg).
Newcomers: Lawrence (Pop) Jennings, F, 6-5/Fr.
1985-86 Record: 7-20; MAC: 5-13/T9th.
Site: Bowling Green, O.

1986-87 Schedule

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|------------------------|-----|---------------------|-----|
| Heidelberg (O.) | D1 | Kent State | J17 |
| At Akron | D3 | At Ball State | J21 |
| At Ohio State | D8 | Miami of Ohio | J24 |
| Ohio | D13 | At Western Michigan | J28 |
| At Michigan | D16 | Central Michigan | J31 |
| Texas Longhorn Classic | D19 | Eastern Michigan | F4 |
| Davidson | D28 | At Toledo | F7 |
| Carnegie | D30 | Funday (O.) | F9 |
| At Central Michigan | J3 | At Kent State | F14 |
| At Eastern Michigan | J7 | Ball State | F18 |
| Toledo | J10 | At Miami of Ohio | F21 |
| At Canisius | J13 | Western Michigan | F25 |
| Cleveland State | J15 | At Ohio | F28 |

Central Michigan (Chippewas)

Coach: Charlie Coles (11-17, 1 year).
Starters Lost: None.
Others Lost: Pete Lambropoulos, G (2.4 ppg, 3.2 apg); Greg Washington, G (2.1 ppg).
Starters Returning (5): Ervin Leavy, G, 6-3/Sr. (18.6 ppg, 3.9 rpg, 52.8 FG%); Dan Majerle, F, 6-6/Jr. (21.4 ppg, 7.9 rpg, 1.9 spg, 52.7 FG%); Daryl Miller, C, 6-8/Soph. (3.9 ppg, 2.8 rpg); Jim Murray, F, 6-5/Sr. (9 ppg, 3.8 rpg); Derrick Richmond, G, 5-7/Soph. (4.8 ppg, 4.5 apg).
Other Returnees: Dan Darby, G, 6-3/Jr.; Andy McGuire, C, 6-8/Soph.; Eric Nordmann, F, 6-7/Sr. (4.5 ppg, 4.8 rpg); Chip Pisoni, G-F, 6-4/Sr.; Chauncey Scott, G-F, 6-4/Jr. (2.4 ppg).
Newcomers: Chris Coles, G, 6-0/Fr.; Tommie Johnson, G, 6-2/Jr. (JC); Terry Reed, F, 6-5/Fr.
1985-86 Record: 11-17; MAC: 7-11/T6th.
Site: Mt. Pleasant, Mich.

1986-87 Schedule

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|--------------------------|-----|---------------------|-----|
| Tri-State (Ind.) | D1 | Toledo | J17 |
| At Michigan | D3 | At Western Michigan | J21 |
| Wiscouri | D6 | Chicago State | J24 |
| At Western Kentucky | D11 | At Ohio | J28 |
| Oakland (Mich.) | D15 | At Bowling Green | J31 |
| At California | D18 | Ball State | F4 |
| At St. Mary's (Calif.) | D19 | At Eastern Michigan | F7 |
| Grand Valley (Mich.) St. | D23 | Miami of Ohio | F11 |
| At Notre Dame | D29 | At Toledo | F14 |
| Kent State | D31 | Western Michigan | F18 |
| Bowling Green State | J3 | At Cleveland State | F21 |
| At Ball State | J7 | Ohio | F25 |
| Eastern Michigan | J10 | At Kent State | F28 |
| At Miami of Ohio | J14 | | |

Eastern Michigan (Hurons)

Coach: Ben Braun (9-18, 1 year).
Starters Lost (1): Percy Cooper, G (13.9 ppg, 6.7 apg).
Others Lost: Carl Brown, G (transfer/JC); Phil Greczyk, F (transfer/Fort Hays State); Sam Johnson, F (transfer San Diego State); Ray Keser, G (transfer/Tri-State); Sam Sillmon, G (transfer/Wayne State).
Starters Returning (4): Chuck King, F, 6-6/Jr. (6.4 ppg, 3.3 rpg); Grant Long, C, 6-8/Jr. (8.6 ppg, 6.6 rpg); Mike McCaskill, F, 6-4/Sr. (13.9 ppg, 6.5 rpg, 57.4 FG%); Lewis Scott, G, 6-5/Sr. (11.7 ppg).
Other Returnees: Ricky Buttrm, F, 6-7/Sr. (10.9 ppg, 4.4 rpg, 82.1 FG%); Paul Grazulis, C, 6-9/Jr. Stan Heath, G, 6-0/Jr.
Newcomers: Rick Anderson, F, 6-5/Fr.; David Clum, C, 6-8/Fr.; Deron Goheen, G, 5-11/Jr. (JC); Rick Hardesty, G, 5-11/Soph. (JC); Brian Nolan, C, 6-8/Fr.; Brad Soucie, G-F, 6-5/Fr.
1985-86 Record: 9-18; MAC: 5-13/T9th.
Site: Ypsilanti, Mich.

1986-87 Schedule

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|----------------------------|-----|------------------|-----|
| Cutlass Classic | N28 | Tri-State (Ind.) | J17 |
| Grand Valley (Mich.) State | D1 | At Kent State | J21 |
| At Minnesota | D4 | Ball State | J24 |
| St. Mary's (Mich.) | D6 | At Miami of Ohio | J28 |
| Chicago State | D9 | Ohio | J31 |
| At Notre Dame | D11 | At Bowling Green | F4 |
| At Western Michigan | D13 | Central Michigan | F7 |
| Cleveland State | D18 | Aquinas (Mich.) | F11 |
| At Detroit | D27 | Kent State | F14 |
| At Ohio | J3 | Ball State | F18 |
| Bowling Green State | J7 | At Ball State | F21 |
| At Central Michigan | J10 | Miami of Ohio | F25 |
| At Toledo | J14 | Western Michigan | F28 |

Kent State (Golden Flashes)

Coach: Jim McDonald (58-58, 4 years).
Starters Lost (1): Londell Owens, G (5.2 ppg, 3.3 apg).
Others Lost: Mike Roberts, G (7.9 ppg, 3 apg); John Shematis, F (transfer); Ray Szczepaniak, G-F, 6-5/Sr. (9.9 ppg, 5.3 rpg); Ray Kubani, F, 6-7/Sr. (10.3 ppg, 5.5 rpg, 53 FG%); Bl Toole, G, 6-0/Sr. (13.3 ppg, 3.1 apg, 84.3 FT%); Terry Wearach, C, 6-8/Sr. (13.6 ppg, 8.6 rpg, 54.4 FG%).
Other Returnees: Reggie Adams, G, 6-0/Soph. (3.7 ppg); Jim Mangapora, C, 6-6/Soph.; Todd Spence, F, 6-6/Soph.; Roy Ware, G, 6-2/Jr.
Newcomers: David Barnwell, C, 6-9/Fr.; Eric Glenn, F, 6-4/Fr.; Nick Hodak, G, 6-5/Fr.; Bobby Meeks, F, 6-5/Jr. (JC); Jay Peters, G, 6-5/Jr. (JC); Wade Renner, F, 6-5/Fr.; Stacy Williams, G, 6-4/Fr.
1985-86 Record: 11-16; MAC: 7-11/T6th.
Site: Kent, O.

1986-87 Schedule

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|----------------------|-----|---------------------|-----|
| Marshall | N28 | At Bowling Green | J17 |
| Robert Morris | D1 | Eastern Michigan | J21 |
| Wittenberg (O.) | D3 | At Toledo | J24 |
| At Akron | D6 | Ball State | J28 |
| At Michigan | D9 | At Miami of Ohio | F4 |
| Champion Holiday Cl. | D12 | Western Michigan | F7 |
| At St. Francis (Pa.) | D20 | At Ohio | F11 |
| Slippery Rock (Pa.) | D23 | Bowling Green State | F14 |
| At Central Michigan | D31 | At Eastern Michigan | F18 |
| At Ball State | J3 | Toledo | F21 |
| Miami of Ohio | J7 | At Niagara | F25 |
| At Western Michigan | J10 | Central Michigan | F28 |
| Ohio | J14 | | |

Miami of Ohio (Redskins)

Coach: Jerry Pearson (44-18, 2 years).
Starters Lost (1): Ron Harper, F (24.4 ppg, 11.7 rpg, 4.3 apg, 3.3 ppg, 52.8 FG%, 54.5 FG%).
Others Lost: Lamont Hanna, F-C, 6-7/Jr. (RS/knee); Ron Hunter, F (9.5 ppg); Tim Lampe, C.
Starters Returning (4): Karlton Clayborne, F, 6-6/Soph. (18.5 ppg, 3.9 rpg, 53.4 FG%); Jeff Fuorci, C, 6-6/Jr. (2.4 ppg, 2.6 rpg); Eric Newsome, G, 6-9/Sr. (18.1 ppg, 4.1 rpg, 2.8 apg, 84.8 FT%); Todd Staker, G-F, 6-3/Jr. (5.8 ppg, 2.7 rpg, 80.9 FT%).
Other Returnees: Rusty Doyle, C, 6-8/Sr.; Mike Hall, F, 6-5/Jr. (RS/ankle); Bernard Newell, G, 6-2/Sr.; Andy Ronan, F, 6-4/Soph.; Eddie Schilling, G, 6-2/Jr. (3.3 ppg, 2.9 rpg, 5.5 apg in 18 games).
Newcomers: Tom Ahaus, C, 6-8/Fr.; James Bradley, G, 6-1/Fr.; Trimmell Haywood, F, 6-8/Fr. (RS); Chip Reeves, F, 6-6/Fr.; Tim Stewart, G, 6-8/Fr.
1985-86 Record: 24-7; MAC: 16-2/1st.
Site: Oxford, O.

1986-87 Schedule

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|-------------------|-----|---------------------|-----|
| Ohio Wesleyan | N28 | At Western Michigan | J17 |
| Dayton | D3 | Ohio | J21 |
| Cincinnati | D6 | At Bowling Green | J24 |
| At William & Mary | D8 | Eastern Michigan | J28 |
| At Toledo | D11 | Kent State | F4 |
| Eastern Kentucky | D13 | At Ball State | F7 |
| At Xavier | D20 | At Central Michigan | F11 |
| Lobo Classic | D26 | Western Michigan | F14 |
| At Weber State | D29 | At Ohio | F18 |
| At Evansville | J3 | Bowling Green State | F21 |
| At Kent State | J7 | At Dayton | F23 |
| Ball State | J10 | At Eastern Michigan | F25 |
| Central Michigan | J14 | Toledo | F28 |

Ohio University (Bobcats)

Coach: Billy Hahn (first year at Ohio).
Starters Lost (2): Paul Baron, G (7.9 ppg, 4.5 rpg, 5.9 apg); Robert Tetum, G (17.2 ppg, 3 apg, 1.9 apg, 52.6 FG%).
Others Lost: Dave Jamerson, G, 6-4/Soph. (14 ppg, 57.5 FG%, 83.1 FT%, RS/knee).
Starters Returning (3): Paul (Snoopy) Graham, F, 6-6/Soph. (15.9 ppg, 4.7 rpg); John Rhodes, C, 6-9/Jr. (9.2 ppg, 6.8 rpg, 56.1 FG%); Roger Smith, G, 5-9/Sr. (4.6 ppg, 3.8 apg).
Other Returnees: Jamie Brock, F, 6-7/Jr. (12.7 ppg); Steve Bruning, G-F, 6-5/Sr. (12.5 ppg, 2.1 rpg); Marty Lehmann, F, 6-8/Jr. (4.4 ppg, 4.4 rpg); George Reid, G-F, 6-7/Soph. (2 ppg); Rich Stenfel, C, 6-10/245/Jr. (3.2 rpg).
Newcomers: Reggie Rankin, G, 6-2/Fr. (RS/knee); Dennis Whitaker, G, 6-11/Fr.
1985-86 Record: 22-8; MAC: 14-4/2nd.
Site: Athens, O.

1986-87 Schedule

| | | | |
|------------------|-----|---------------------|-----|
| Tri-State (Ind.) | N29 | Ball State | J17 |
| Akron | D1 | At Miami of Ohio | J21 |
| At Robert Morris | D3 | Western Michigan | J24 |
| At Ohio State | D6 | Central Michigan | J28 |
| Holstra | D8 | At Eastern Michigan | J31 |
| At Marshall | D10 | Toledo | F4 |
| At Bowling Green | D13 | Anderson (Ind.) | F7 |
| Youngstown State | D17 | Kent State | F11 |
| Rebel Round Up | D19 | At Ball State | F14 |
| Wagner | D29 | Miami of Ohio | F18 |
| Eastern Michigan | J3 | At Western Michigan | F21 |
| At Toledo | J7 | At Central Michigan | F25 |
| At Kent State | J14 | Bowling Green | F28 |

Toledo (Rockets)

Coach: Bob Nichols (366-193, 21 years).
Starters Lost (1): Bob Borchardt, G (12.6 ppg, 2.3 rpg, 3.7 apg, 53.7 FG%, 80.5 FT%).
Starters Returning (4): Blake Burnham, C, 6-8/Sr. (16.7 ppg, 6.6 rpg, 51.5 FG%); Gary Campbell, G, 6-2/Sr. (5.3 ppg, 2.9 rpg, 4 apg, 80.7 FT%); Andy Fisher, F, 6-8/Soph. (17.9 ppg, 4.4 rpg, 79.1 FT%); Mark German, F, 6-7/Jr. (11.0 ppg, 5.7 rpg).
Other Returnees: Jeff Co, C, 6-11/Soph. (RS/shoulder); Jeff Haer, G-F, 6-3/Jr. (7.8 ppg, 4.8 rpg); Fred King, G-F, 6-4/Soph. (2.6 ppg); William Lyle, G, 5-9/Jr.; Shon Smith, F, 6-5/Jr. (4 ppg, 2.8 rpg); John Vandecavey, G, 6-2/Soph.
Newcomers: George Harris, F, 6-5/Fr.; Chad Keller, F, 6-7/Fr.; Dan Lehman, G, 5-10/Fr.
1985-86 Record: 12-17; MAC: 8-10/5th.
Site: Toledo, O.

1986-87 Schedule

| | | | |
|-----------------------|-----|----------------------|-----|
| Capital (O.) | N29 | At Central Michigan | J17 |
| At Army | D2 | At Northern Illinois | J21 |
| Detroit | D4 | Kent State | J24 |
| Wright (O.) State | D6 | At Ball State | J28 |
| Miami of Ohio | D11 | Western Michigan | J31 |
| Florida International | D13 | At Ohio | F4 |
| At Hawaii | D18 | Bowling Green State | F7 |
| Purdue | D22 | At Eastern Michigan | F11 |
| At Colorado State | D27 | Central Michigan | F14 |
| Blade Classic | D29 | Northern Illinois | F18 |
| At Western Michigan | J4 | At Kent State | F21 |
| Ohio | J7 | Ball State | F25 |
| At Bowling Green | J10 | At Miami of Ohio | F28 |
| Eastern Michigan | J14 | | |

Western Michigan (Broncos)

Coach: Vernon Payne (33-77, 4 years).
Starters Lost (2): Donald Petties, G (15.7 ppg, 4.5 rpg, 51.4 FG%); Dan Zachary, G (5.6 ppg, 2.4 rpg, 4.1 apg, 84.9 FT%).
Others Lost: Mark Gorski, C (4.9 ppg, 2.8 rpg, 50.5 FG%); Pete Hansen, F (2.1 ppg).
Starters Returning (3): Tony Baumgardt, C, 6-10/Soph. (7.7 ppg, 4.9 rpg, 52.8 FG%); Booker James, F, 6-3/Sr. (14.7 ppg, 7.9 rpg); Steve Rikonen, F, 6-9/Soph. (8.3 ppg, 4.5 rpg).
Other Returnees: Steve Amundson, G, 6-5/Sr. (15.5 ppg); Randy Bouden, G, 6-2/Sr. (5.7 ppg); Ned Hallman, C, 6-9/Jr.; Dan Loughton, F, 6-7/Jr.; Hoyt Mahaley, F, 6-6/Jr. (4.3 ppg, 3 rpg); Greg Rapp, F, 6-6/Sr.; Johnny Slater, G, 5-10/Soph.
Newcomers: Chris Brawley, G, 6-2/Fr.; Billy Stanback, G, 5-10/Fr.
1985-86 Record: 12-16; MAC: 7-11/T6th.
Site: Kalamazoo, Mich.

1986-87 Schedule

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|----------------------|-----|-----------------------|-----|
| At Valparaiso | N30 | Central Michigan | J21 |
| At Ohio State | D2 | At Ohio | J24 |
| Westmont (Calif.) | D5 | Bowling Green | J28 |
| At Michigan | D8 | At Toledo | J31 |
| DePaul | D10 | Lake Superior (Mich.) | F4 |
| Eastern Michigan | D13 | Northern Illinois | F7 |
| Cowboy Shootout | D27 | At Kent State | F11 |
| Toledo | J4 | Ball State | F14 |
| At Northern Illinois | J7 | At Miami of Ohio | F18 |
| Kent State | J10 | At Central Michigan | F21 |
| Marquette | J12 | Ohio | F25 |
| At Ball State | J14 | At Bowling Green | F28 |
| Miami of Ohio | J17 | At Eastern Michigan | F28 |

Cleveland State Will Establish A Fast and Furious Pace

By BILL NICHOLS

At the age of 4, the Association of Mid-Continent Universities came of age last season.

In just its fourth season and without an automatic NCAA bid, the AMCU-8 had two postseason tournament entries. League champion Cleveland State made it all the way to the Sweet Sixteen of the NCAA Tournament, tripping up Indiana and St. Joseph's before dropping a one-point decision to Navy and finishing 29-4. Meanwhile, Southwest Missouri State was a quarterfinalist in the National Invitation Tournament, knocking off the likes of Pittsburgh and Marquette.

Following those strong showings, Cleveland State was invited to participate in this season's Big Apple NIT in November. It was a vote of confidence for the Vikings and Coach Kevin Mackey, who had made the most of his team's surprising NCAA performance by singing the glories of his largely unknown team from a largely unknown conference.

Mackey told anyone willing to listen about his roster of players no one wanted. Clinton Ransey, a slick all-conference swingman who was passed over by the recruiters from the traditional powers, averaged 14.5 points and 5.1 rebounds per game last year. Eric Mudd, a hard-working, 6-foot-8 center whose 8.3 rebounding average ranked second in the AMCU-8, received no other Division I scholarship offers. And guard Ken (Mouse) McFadden, who didn't even play basketball in high school, emerged as one of the nation's top freshmen.

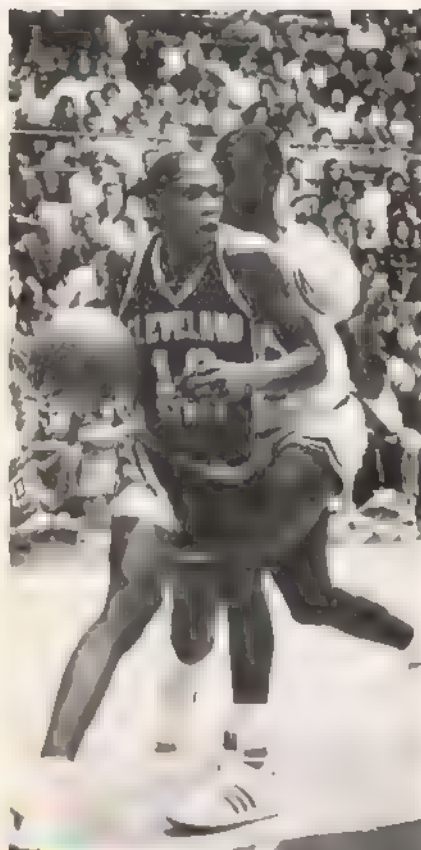
Much of the cast that led the nation in scoring margin will be back this year. Joining McFadden, Mudd and Ransey are diminutive guards Shawn Hood and Eddie Bryant, who combine to give Mackey a fine point guard tandem.

The Vikings will have a second National Basketball Association sibling on their roster this year. Ransey's brother Kelvin plays for the New Jersey Nets, while freshman guard Kenny Robertson's brother Alvin stars for the San Antonio Spurs.

Mackey will have his eye on another freshman, forward Greg Lockhart, who will challenge redshirt sophomore Warren Bradley for the power forward job.

The Vikings, however, will have to overcome two significant losses. One was expected—All-AMCU-8 forward Clinton Smith ran out of eligibility—and the other was tragic. Paul Stewart, Smith's probable successor, was playing in an April 30 pick-up game when he died of a heart attack.

It will be a challenge for the Vikings to overcome these losses, but Mackey, who often recited the Vikings' rags-to-riches story during the tournament, does not intend to let Cleveland State return to the rank and file of college basketball programs.



Ken (Mouse) McFadden returns to lead Cleveland State's high-powered, run-and-gun offense.

"Consistency is what you strive for," Mackey said. "We have had two 20-plus win seasons. To be among the best, you talk 20 wins, win your league and go to the NCAAs. It sounds simple, doesn't it?"

The leading contender to dethrone the Vikings is Southwest Missouri.

"It should be very competitive," Mackey said.

The Bears return seven lettermen, including all-conference guard Winston Garland and forward Greg Bell. Garland averaged 16.5 points and led the league in steals, while Bell was the team's top rebounder. Basil Robinson complements Garland nicely in the backcourt.

Coach Charlie Spoonhour had a good recruiting year, which is fortunate for the Bears because their frontcourt needs reinforcements. Junior college transfers Stan Worthy, James Davis and Clay Holt and freshman Chris Stange should contribute this season.

Northern Iowa has a new coach, Eldon Miller, who led Ohio State to the NIT title last year. Miller's desire for a long-term contract led to his being fired by the Buckeyes, however, which made him available to the Panthers when Jim Berry resigned.

Miller has quite a rebuilding job on his

hands: Only one starter and four other veterans return from last year's 8-19 team. Foremost among the returnees are center Greg McDermott and guard Nick Nurse.

"We have to concentrate on those returning players," Miller said. "They are the keys to this coming season. From there, we have to talk about our one junior college transfer (swingman Mike Bailey) and the help that is going to have to come from some of the eight incoming freshmen."

Another pack of Panthers, those at Eastern Illinois, suffered heavy graduation losses. Coach Rick Samuels lost three talented starters—league-leading rebounder Kevin Duckworth, forward Jon Collins and guard Doug Crook.

Guards Norm Evans and Jay Taylor, who logged considerable time last winter, will form the starting backcourt. Sophomore Dave Vance has the best shot to open at one forward, but every other job is wide open. Look for Stetson transfer Tony Hemphill and junior college recruit Dave Stein to make their presence known.

Western Illinois also lacks experience with the departure of four starters. Coach Jack Margenthaler will rebuild around center Bobby Jordan and guard Jeff Klingler. Tom Bragg, a tight end for the Leathernecks' football team, joins Greg Akers at forward, while junior college transfers Eric Chinn, Dwayne Scott and Mike Ayers will make contributions from the perimeter.

Despite the loss of guard Eric Longino, who transferred to Southern Methodist, Illinois-Chicago should be deeper and more experienced than it has been in quite some time.

"I'm very optimistic," Flames Coach Willie Little said. "If I had to pick, I'd pick us anywhere from third to first in the conference."

Guards Willie Jett and Bobby Locke will open in the backcourt, with Nate Chambers, Dick Knar and Derrick Johnson up front.

Wisconsin-Green Bay suffered through a 5-23 campaign, but Coach Dick Bennett's second season should be made easier by the return of Richard Sims, who sat out last season with a broken foot. Also available for the Phoenix are forward Steve Cottrell, guard Frank Nardi (the league's assists leader) and several promising recruits.

Valparaiso Coach Tom Smith will build around three returning starters—junior forwards Harry Bell and Jerome Battle and his son, sophomore point guard Todd Smith—but no seniors. The Crusaders probably need a little more seasoning before they can contend for the league title ■

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Cleveland State (Vikings)

Coach: Kevin Mackey (64-28, 3 years)
Starters Lost (1): Clinton Smith, F (16.2 ppg).
Others Lost: Steve Corbin, G (4.9 ppg); Bob Crawford, C (5.8 ppg, 4.4 rpg); Vince Richards, G (4.1 ppg); Paul Stewart, F (4.7 ppg, 3.5 rpg).
Starters Returning (4): Eddie Bryant, G, 5-10/Sr (5.3 ppg, 4.4 rpg, 52.5 FG%); Ken (Mouse) McFadden, G 6-1/Soph (13.7 ppg, 52.7 FG%); Eric Mudd, C, 6-8/Sr (12.2 ppg, 8.3 rpg, 57.1 FG%); Clinton Ramsey, G 6-5/Sr (14.5 ppg, 5.1 rpg, 2 spg).
Other Returnees: Warren Bradley, F 6-8/Soph (RS/hand); Shawn Hood, G 5-7/Sr (4.7 ppg, 5.5 FG%); Ray Salter, F 6-2/Sr (3.9 ppg); Pat Vuyang, G-F, 6-5/Sr (Egin Womack, C 6-9/Sr (3 ppg).
Newcomers: Darwyn Ingram, C 6-9/Fr; Greg Lockhart, F, 6-7/Fr; Kenny Robertson, G, 6-0/Fr; Hersey Strong, F, 6-5/Jr. (RS).
1985-86 Record: 29-4, AMCU-8 13-1st.

1986-87 Schedule

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|------------------------|-----|--------------------------|-----|
| At Memphis State | N22 | Oral Roberts** | J20 |
| Clanton | D1 | Southwest Missouri State | J24 |
| St. Joseph's | D3 | At Valparaiso | J26 |
| At Canisius | D6 | At Eastern Illinois | J29 |
| At Akron | D8 | Illinois Chicago | J31 |
| At Youngstown State | D13 | At Wisconsin Green Bay | F2 |
| At Eastern Michigan | D18 | At Northern Iowa | F7 |
| At Va Commonwealth | D20 | Western Illinois | F9 |
| Maryland-Eastern Shore | D23 | Eastern Illinois | F14 |
| Canisius | D28 | At Southwest Missouri | F16 |
| Florida A&M | J12 | Valparaiso | F20 |
| At Bowling Green State | J15 | Central Michigan | F21 |
| At Western Illinois | J17 | At Illinois Chicago | F23 |
| *Coca-Cola NIT | | Wisconsin Green Bay | F28 |
| **Meadowlands | | Northern Iowa | M2 |



Southwest's Winston Garland.

Valparaiso (Crusaders)

Coach: Tom Smith (60-106, 6 years).
Starters Lost (2): Brett Hughes, G (6.6 ppg); Jim Stueve, C (10.3 ppg, 6.7 rpg).
Others Lost: Paul Bayne, C (2.4 ppg).
Starters Returning (3): Jerome Battle, F, 6-6/Jr (3 ppg, 4.2 rpg); Harry Bell, F, 6-4/Jr (13.5 ppg, 6.8 rpg, 79.7 FT%); Todd Smith, G, 5-11/Soph (8.3 ppg, 2.3 rpg, 4.7 spg, 81.1 FT%).
Other Returnees: Scott Anselm, G 6-0/Soph (9.9 ppg, 2.6 rpg, 82.2 FT%); Jim Ford, F 6-5/Soph (8.6 ppg, 3.4 rpg); Byron Harris, G, 6-0/Soph (2.5 ppg); Steve Hudson, F-C 6-6/Soph; Iver McSwine, F, 6-4/Soph (4 ppg, 2.6 rpg).
Newcomers: Bruce Deans, G, 5-8/Jr. (JC); Mike Hanson, F, 6-6/Fr; David Morgan, F, 6-8/Jr. (JC).
1985-86 Record: 9-19, AMCU-8 5-9/8th.
Site: Valparaiso, Ind.

1986-87 Schedule

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|------------------------|-----|--------------------------|-----|
| Western Michigan | N30 | Cleveland State | J26 |
| Illinois Tech | | At Southwest Missouri | J31 |
| Illinois Benedictine | D6 | Eastern Illinois | F2 |
| Butler | D10 | At Marquette | F4 |
| Cardinal Verity Club C | D12 | Illinois Chicago | F7 |
| At Notre Dame | D20 | At Wisconsin Green Bay | F9 |
| At Northern Illinois | J3 | At Butler | F11 |
| Huntington (Ind.) | J7 | At Northern Iowa | F14 |
| Evansville | J10 | Western Illinois | F16 |
| Marian (Ind.) | J13 | At Cleveland State | F20 |
| Wisconsin Green Bay | J17 | Southwest Missouri State | F23 |
| Northern Iowa | J19 | At Eastern Illinois | F28 |
| At Western Illinois | J24 | At Illinois-Chicago | M2 |

Bold face denotes conference-leading totals.

Eastern Illinois (Panthers)

Coach: Rick Samuels (97-78, 6 years).
Starters Lost (3): Jon Collins, F (18.7 ppg, 4.7 rpg); Doug Crook, G (13.3 ppg, 3.3 rpg, 3.1 apg); Kevin Duckworth, C (19.5 ppg, 9.1 rpg, 63.1 FG%).
Others Lost: Ronnie Duckworth, F, 6-5/Jr. (3.2 ppg, 3.9 rpg, left school).
Starters Returning (2): Norm Evans, G, 6-0/Jr. (4.9 ppg, 2.8 rpg, 3.4 apg, 1.8 spg); Dave Vance, F, 6-5/Soph (3.9 ppg, 3.7 rpg, 80 FT%).
Other Returnees: Vince Macciochi, F, 6-7/Soph (RS/knee); Brian Murphy, C 6-9/Soph (2.1 ppg); Jay Taylor, G, 6-2/Soph (8.1 ppg, 2.8 rpg, 3.6 apg); Mike West, F, 6-8/Soph (2.7 rpg).
Newcomers: Tony Hamphill, G, 6-5/Jr. (transfer/Stetson); Dave Stein, F, 6-6/Jr. (JC); Cass White, G-F, 6-4/Fr.
1985-86 Record: 19-13; AMCU-8 8-6/3rd.
Site: Charleston, Ill.

1986-87 Schedule

| | | | |
|--------------------------|-----|--------------------------|-----|
| Illinois Tech | D1 | Cleveland State | J29 |
| Northwest Missouri State | D4 | Northern Iowa | J31 |
| At Illinois | D8 | At Valparaiso | F2 |
| Milwaukee (Ill.) | D11 | At St. Louis | F5 |
| At Wisconsin | D22 | Western Illinois | F7 |
| Wolf Pack Classic | D28 | At Illinois Chicago | F9 |
| At Southern Illinois | D29 | At Cleveland State | F14 |
| Indiana State | J7 | Wisconsin Green Bay | F16 |
| Augustana (Ill.) | J10 | Southwest Missouri State | F21 |
| Chicago State | J14 | At Northern Iowa | F23 |
| Illinois Chicago | J17 | Colorado State | F25 |
| At Wisconsin Green Bay | J24 | Valparaiso | F28 |
| At Southwest Missouri | J26 | At Western Illinois | M2 |

Northern Iowa (Panthers)

Coach: Eldon Miller (first year at Northern Iowa).
Starters Lost (4): Randy Kraayenbrink, G-F (20.4 ppg, 4.1 rpg, 84.4 FT%); Scott Plondke, C, 6-10/Jr. (16.5 ppg, 6.5 rpg, 54.7 FG%, transfer/Wis.-Platteville); Lamont Robinson, G (10 ppg, 3.3 rpg, 53.6 FG%, left school); Robbie Williams, G (4.8 apg).
Others Lost: Nathan Harris, F (4.7 ppg, 3.5 rpg).
Starters Returning (1): Greg McDermott, C, 6-8/Jr. (8.7 ppg, 4.2 rpg, 58.2 FG%).
Other Returnees: Kirk Francis, F, 6-8/Sr. (RS/hand); Jim McGrath, F 6-9/Sr. (5.5 ppg); Nick Nurse, G, 6-1/Soph; Pat Quinn, F, 6-8/Jr. (RS/foot).
Newcomers: Mike Bailey, G 6-4/Jr. (JC); Jonathan Cox, G, 5-11/Fr.; Monte Kuhnert, G, 6-4/Fr.; Troy Muenberg, F 6-5/Fr.; Maurice Newby, G 6-2/Fr.; Duane Phillips, C 6-7/Fr.; Kent Polpeter, F 6-6/Fr.; Jason Reece, C 6-7/Fr.; Scott Socha, F 6-7/Fr.
1985-86 Record: 8-19, AMCU-8 3-12/7th.
Site: Cedar Falls, Ia.

1986-87 Schedule

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|--------------------------|-----|------------------------|-----|
| Mid. Baltimore County | N29 | At Illinois Chicago | J24 |
| Wisconsin Platteville | D3 | Wisconsin Green Bay | J26 |
| At St. Louis | D8 | Northern Illinois | J28 |
| Coppin State | D9 | At Eastern Illinois | J31 |
| At Iowa State | D11 | At Western Illinois | F2 |
| At Drake | D19 | Cleveland State | F7 |
| Florida International | D20 | At Southwest Missouri | F9 |
| Concordia | D22 | Valparaiso | F14 |
| At UC Santa Barbara | D27 | Illinois Chicago | F16 |
| At San Diego State | D29 | At Wisconsin Green Bay | F21 |
| At Northern Illinois | J10 | Eastern Illinois | F23 |
| Winnipeg (Minn.) State | J12 | Western Illinois | F28 |
| Southwest Missouri State | J17 | At Cleveland State | M2 |
| At Valparaiso | J19 | | |

Western Ill. (Leathernecks)

Coach: Jack Margenthaler (148-109, 9 years).
Starters Lost (4): Scott McCants, F (12.1 ppg, 4.5 rpg, 51.3 FG%); Dwayne Presswood, G (9.7 ppg, 4.9 rpg, 1.7 apg, 51.3 FG%); Daryl Reed, G (9.1 ppg, 4.6 apg); Cedric Wright, F (12.3 ppg, 8.1 rpg, 3.4 apg).
Starters Returning (1): Tom Bragg, F, 6-5/Jr. (5.1 ppg, 4.2 rpg, 1.4 apg, 57.6 FG%).
Other Returnees: Greg Akers, F, 6-5/Jr. (5.8 ppg, 2.9 rpg); J.R. Crane, G, 6-0/Soph (2.8 ppg); Bobby Jordan, C, 6-7/Sr. (8.3 ppg, 3.7 rpg); Jeff Klingler, G, 6-3/Soph. (5.4 ppg); Chris Sherman, C 6-9/Soph.
Newcomers: Mike Ayers, F, 6-4/Jr. (JC); Eric Chinn, G, 5-11/Jr. (JC); Damon (D.J.) Davies, F, 6-7/Jr. (transfer/Drake); Tony Hickman, G, 6-0/Fr.; Mike Ivester, C, 6-9/Fr.; Dwayne Scott, G, 6-3/Jr. (JC); Bob Smith, G-F, 6-5/Fr.
1985-86 Record: 13-15; AMCU-8 7-7/4th.
Site: Macomb, Ill.

1986-87 Schedule

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|-----------------------|-----|--------------------------|-----|
| Coe (Ia.) | N29 | Valparaiso | J24 |
| Roosevelt (Ill.) | D1 | At Illinois Chicago | J26 |
| At Morehead State | D4 | Chicago State | J28 |
| William Penn (Pa.) | D6 | Wisconsin Green Bay | J31 |
| Ball State | D9 | Northern Iowa | F2 |
| At St. Louis | D11 | At Eastern Illinois | F7 |
| Alabama State | D20 | At Cleveland State | F9 |
| At Alabama State | D30 | Southwest Missouri State | F14 |
| At Florida A&M | J3 | At Valparaiso | F16 |
| At Central Florida | J5 | Illinois Chicago | F21 |
| Washington (Mo.) | J10 | At Wisconsin Green Bay | F23 |
| At Northern Illinois | J14 | At Northern Iowa | F28 |
| Cleveland State | J17 | Eastern Illinois | M2 |
| At Southwest Missouri | J19 | | |

Illinois-Chicago (Flames)

Coach: Willie Little (49-37, 4 years).
Starters Lost (1): Eric Longino, G, 6-4/Jr. (18 ppg, 3.4 rpg, 50.6 FG%, transfer/SMU).
Others Lost: Robert Anderson, F, 6-7/Jr. (left team); C.J. Jones, C (4.5 ppg).
Starters Returning (4): Nate Chambers, C, 6-8/Jr. (11.1 ppg, 6.4 rpg, 50.5 FG%); Willie Jett, G, 5-10/Jr. (11.4 ppg, 2.5 rpg, 5.8 apg); Derrick Johnson, F, 6-8/Soph (5.2 ppg, 3.5 rpg); Dick Knor, F, 6-5/Sr. (11.1 ppg, 7.1 rpg, 50.2 FG%).
Other Returnees: Greg Battle, G, 6-0/Jr.; Bobby Locke, G, 5-10/Sr. (14.5 ppg, 4.6 apg, 53.8 FG%, 82 FT%); Steve Wade, F, 6-7/Soph (4 ppg, 2.2 rpg).
Newcomers: Darrel Eubye, G-F, 6-5/Fr.; Ed Hall, G 5-11/Jr. (JC); Maurice Nelson, G 6-0/Fr.; Jeff Richardson, F, 6-7/Jr. (JC); Hank Runge, C, 6-9/Jr. (JC); Dave Swann, F 6-8/Fr. (RS).
1985-86 Record: 13-16, AMCU-8 7-7/5th.
Site: Chicago.

1986-87 Schedule

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|------------------------|-----|--------------------------|-----|
| Coast Cities Classic | N28 | Western Illinois | J26 |
| Lake Forest (Ill.) | D2 | At Cleveland State | J31 |
| At Michigan | D6 | Illinois State | F2 |
| Illini Classic | D12 | Southwest Missouri State | F4 |
| Michigan State | D18 | At Valparaiso | F7 |
| Iowa Wesleyan | D19 | Eastern Illinois | F9 |
| Chicago State | D20 | At Northern Iowa | F16 |
| BYU Hawaii Tournament | D30 | At Western Illinois | F21 |
| McLendon Classic | J7 | Cleveland State | F23 |
| Knox III | J12 | Wisconsin Green Bay | F26 |
| At Eastern Illinois | J17 | At Southwest Missouri | F28 |
| At Wisconsin Green Bay | J19 | Valparaiso | M2 |
| Northern Iowa | J24 | | |

SW Missouri State (Bears)

Coach: Charlie Spoonhour (59-31, 3 years).
Starters Lost (2): Phil Schlegel, C (13.2 ppg, 3.7 rpg, 52 FG%, 82.5 FT%); Chris Ward, F (8.8 ppg, 5.5 rpg, 54.2 FG%, 84.6 FT%).
Others Lost: Gary Fille, G (dropped out).
Starters Returning (3): Greg Bell, F, 6-5/Sr. (12.8 ppg, 5.8 rpg, 54.7 FG%); Winston Garland, G, 6-2/Sr. (16.5 ppg, 3.6 rpg, 4.3 apg, 2.4 spg); Basil Robinson, G 5-10/Sr. (16.4 ppg, 5.3 apg, 56.2 FG%).
Other Returnees: Otis Green, G-F, 6-2/Sr. (5.6 ppg); Scott Hickox, F, 6-4/Sr.; Milton McGee, G, 6-1/Soph (12.3 ppg); Kelly Strucke, C 6-6/Soph.
Newcomers: David Brewer, F-C 6-8/Fr.; Kevin Chelley, F 6-8/Fr.; James Davis, C 6-9/Jr. (JC); Chris Harville, C 6-8/Fr.; Clay Holt, F 6-6/Jr. (JC); Darren Rhea, F, C 6-8/Fr. (RS); Chris Stange, G-F, 6-5/Fr.; Stan Worthy, G-F, 6-5/Jr. (JC).
1985-86 Record: 24-8, AMCU-8 10-4/2nd.
Site: Springfield, Mo.

1986-87 Schedule

| | | | |
|------------------------|-----|--------------------------|-----|
| Hawai-Pacific Tour | N27 | Western Illinois | J18 |
| Howard Payne (Tex.) | D3 | At Cleveland State | J24 |
| Show-Me Classic | D5 | Eastern Illinois | J26 |
| Lincoln (Mo.) | D10 | Mississippi Valley State | J28 |
| Coppin (Md.) State | D13 | Valparaiso | J31 |
| Northeast Louisiana | D18 | At Illinois Chicago | F4 |
| St. Louis | D20 | Wisconsin Green Bay | F7 |
| Arkansas | D22 | Northern Iowa | F9 |
| At Illinois State | D30 | At Western Illinois | F14 |
| Minnesota Duluth | J3 | Cleveland State | F16 |
| At Brigham Young | J6 | At Eastern Illinois | F21 |
| At Wisconsin Green Bay | J10 | At Valparaiso | F23 |
| At Northern Iowa | J17 | Illinois Chicago | F28 |

Wis.-Green Bay (Phoenix)

Coach: Dick Bennett (5-23, 1 year).
Starters Lost (1): Alonzo Skanes, G (13.3 ppg, 3.6 rpg, dismissed from squad).
Starters Returning (4): Steve Cottrell, F, 6-5/Sr. (10.4 ppg, 4.6 rpg, 58.3 FG%); Frank Nardi, G, 6-1/Jr. (4.4 ppg, 5.8 apg, 2 spg); Pat Taphorn, F, 6-6/Soph. (5.1 ppg); Bernie Tompa, F, 6-4/Soph. (6.6 ppg, 85.3 FT%).
Other Returnees: Adrian Bolding, F, 6-3/Soph. (4.6 ppg, 2 rpg); Marquis Hines, G, 6-9/Soph. (2.4 ppg); Brian Kimpke, C, 6-9/Jr.; Roger Ripley, C, 6-8/Soph. (4.1 ppg, 2.4 rpg); Richard Sims, G-F, 6-3/Jr. (RS/foot).
Newcomers: Michael Connor, G, 6-2/Jr. (JC); Mike Karmy, G, 6-2/Fr.; Tim Nunn, F, 6-5/Jr. (JC); Dan Oberbrunner, G, 6-4/Fr.
1985-86 Record: 5-23, AMCU-8 3-11/77th.
Site: Green Bay.

1986-87 Schedule

| | | | |
|--------------------------|-----|-----------------------|-----|
| At Illinois State | N28 | Eastern Illinois | J24 |
| At Iowa State | D4 | At Northern Iowa | J26 |
| Evansville | D11 | At Western Illinois | J31 |
| Chicago State | D13 | Cleveland State | F2 |
| Wisconsin Parkland | D20 | At Southwest Missouri | F7 |
| Wisconsin Eau Claire | D23 | Valparaiso | F9 |
| Northwestern | D27 | At Northern Illinois | F12 |
| Wayne (Mich.) State | D30 | At Eastern Illinois | F16 |
| At Miami Fla. | J3 | At Chicago State | F18 |
| At Florida State | J5 | Northern Iowa | F21 |
| Southwest Missouri State | J10 | Western Illinois | F23 |
| Eastern Washington | J12 | At Illinois Chicago | F26 |
| At Valparaiso | J17 | At Cleveland State | F28 |
| Illinois Chicago | J19 | | |

High-Scoring Larkin Could Keep Xavier in the Title Picture

By TOM COLLINS

The call has echoed around the league: Dust off the double team, bring back the box-and-one, try the triangle-and-two. Try anything.

Just stop Byron Larkin.

It might not be too tough to stop Xavier this year, but putting the reins on Larkin undoubtedly will be quite a chore for every team in the Midwestern Collegiate Conference.

That the junior guard will be the focal point of opposing defenses is as obvious as the fact that Xavier, which won 25 games and the league title last year, does not return another starter. This season, Larkin is Xavier.

Larkin isn't so sure, and it doesn't bother him that other teams will be keying on him.

"If they double team me, Stan Kimbrough will get 40," he said, referring to the Musketeers' new point guard, who was the nation's third-leading freshman scorer at Central Florida two years ago before transferring to Xavier. "Teams won't double team me for long with the threat we have at guard. They probably will try it early, and Stan will go wild."

Larkin went a bit wild himself last season, averaging 21.8 points per game, tops in the league. In the MCC Tournament, Larkin scored 45 points in a 99-91 triumph over Loyola of Chicago and was named the playoffs' Most Valuable Player. He also earned MCC Player of the Year honors.

Perhaps his greatest talent, though, is understanding his limitations. He scores on short jumpers around the key and in traffic on lean-ins that often result in three-point plays. Xavier has led the MCC in shooting percentage in both of Larkin's collegiate seasons. He completed 53.1 percent of his field-goal attempts as a freshman, 54.5 percent as a sophomore.

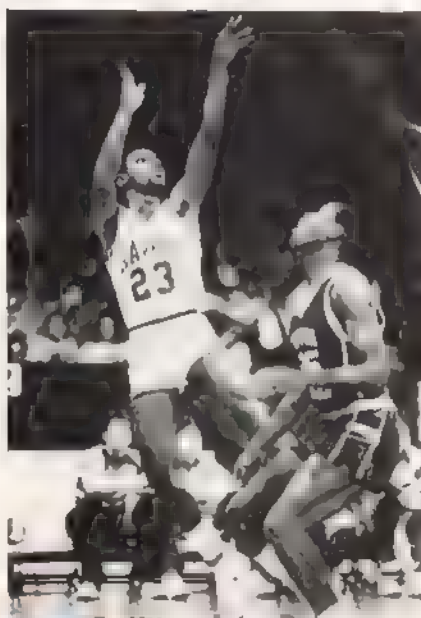
Despite the attraction of the new three-point goal, Larkin said he still will select his shots carefully.

"I won't pay much attention to it," he said, "but it will help. After I hit a couple, the defense will be forced to play me and it will open the inside for a drive or dish-off."

Larkin, a Parade magazine football All-America in high school, was coveted by more than 200 football coaches, but he knew from the start that he would opt for the hardwood.

"My favorite sport has always been basketball," said Larkin, whose brother Mike is a former Notre Dame football captain and brother Barry is in the Cincinnati Reds' organization.

Now, just two years later, Byron must serve as the "mature guide" for a painfully immature team. The turnover in talent means Coach Pete Gillen will replace the entire front line from an NCAA Tourna-



The excellent shooting touch of guard Byron Larkin gives Xavier fans some basis for optimism.

ment team that lost in the first round.

The backcourt is sound with Larkin and Kimbrough. Such freshmen as Derrick Strong, Tyrone Hill and Reggie Bell will be pressed into service up front.

"We'll be very young and very inexperienced," Larkin said. "No telling what's going to happen. We'll be more of a slowdown-type team looking for the percentage shot."

Another team on the rebound is Oral Roberts, where Coach Ted Owens has five double-figure scorers returning. He may bench them all.

"I wouldn't say none of them will start," Owens said, "but every single one will be severely challenged. None is a cinch to start."

Titan spirits are soaring because of the addition of guard Haywood Workman, forward Clinton Hinton (the Sun Belt Conference Freshman of the Year in 1985) and forward Boyce Cherry, a trio of transfers who could supplant returning starters. Forwards Akin Akin-Otoko and Brian Miles probably have less to worry about, however, than the other returnees.

ORU was 10-18 last year, setting school records for fewest wins and most losses, largely because of turnovers.

"We threw the ball away more than any team I've ever had," Owens said. "Not only weren't we good ball handlers, our judgment was a killer. Every player coming in has better skills with the ball. Some players in positions of having to handle it last year won't now."

The dominant team in the MCC may be St. Louis, which lost only to Xavier over the last month and posted its first winning

record since 1973. With four starters back, Coach Rich Grawer is confident that the Billikens will keep winning.

"The team that wins is the one that plays its game the best," he said. "If that's us with our defensive style, fine. If that's Xavier or Loyola running and gunning, that's fine. But let's see if Xavier and Loyola, having a little less talent this year, can score all those points."

Monroe Douglass and Roland Gray, the Billikens' outstanding freshmen last winter, will be joined by veterans Redditt Hudson at center and Jim Roder at point guard. The fifth starter probably will be 6-7 freshman Anthony Bonner, the power forward Grawer has been needing.

"We'll be a bigger team, with 6-4 guards," Grawer said. "We sacrifice speed, but we gain defense."

Loyola will offer the greatest threat to St. Louis. The Ramblers have the league's best rebounder in All-MCC center Andre Moore and an outstanding shooter in guard Bernard Jackson (16.3 average).

In addition, Bradley transfer Tim Bankston may fill the leadership role left vacant by All-MCC point guard Carl Golston's departure. Loyola will not have the services, however, of center Kenny Miller, the league's top recruit, because he failed to meet the NCAA's new scholastic requirements.

Loyola's scoring average dropped from 83.5 points in '85 to 76 last year, but Coach Gene Sullivan doesn't seem overly concerned.

"Teams play us differently because they know we want to run," Sullivan said. "They slowed us down. But our field-goal percentage was only about a point down from the previous year. We just weren't getting the shots."

Expected to finish behind St. Louis, Loyola and Oral Roberts is Evansville. Nine new faces dot Coach Jim Crews' 12-man roster and three transfers—Marty Simmons (Indiana), Scott Haffner (Illinois) and Veltra Dawson (Villanova)—will play key roles. Guard Curtis Jackson is the best of the Purple Aces' returnees.

Butler Coach Joe Sexson's starting lineup returns intact, including All-MCC forward Chad Tucker, who tied for the league scoring title, and guard Darrin Fitzgerald, possibly the league's best long-range shooter. Experience should lift the Bulldogs out of the MCC cellar.

If Larkin can keep Xavier from sliding into last place, that spot may go to Detroit, where shot-blocking forward Brian Humes and zone-busting guard Archie Tullos will operate without All-MCC forward Greg Wendi and point guard Kevin McAdoo. Coach Don Sicko is hoping that junior college transfer Carlos Cook can help alleviate the Titans' usual weakness on the boards. ■

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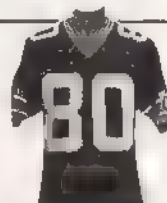
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Butler (Bulldogs)

Coach: Joe Saxson (108-141, 9 years).

Starters Lost: None.

Others Lost: Mark Beam, G, Ken Cronar, G, Johnny Jones, F (2 3 ppg, left school), Greg Mackey, F (18 2 ppg, 2 7 rpg, 83 3 FT%).

Starters Returning (5): Darin Fitzgerald, G, 5-9/Sr (18 2 ppg, 2 7 rpg, 83 3 FT%); Darren Fowlkes, G, 6-5/Soph. (13 5 ppg, 3 8 rpg); Tony Gallehar, F, 6-4/Sr (9 9 ppg, 6 1 rpg); Chad Tucker, F, 6-7/Sr (21 8 ppg, 5 5 rpg, 55 8 FG%, 83 2 FT%); Mike Yeater, C, 6-8/Sr (8 ppg, 3 2 rpg, 51 5 FG%).

Other Returnees: Chris Givens, G, 6-2/Sr (4 5 ppg, 2 2 rpg), (3 5 ppg, 3 9 rpg); Mike Harper, C, 6-8/Sr, David Herbert, G, 6-3/Soph.

Newcomers: Rick Barry, F, 6-7/Fr, Joe Harris, G, 6-4/Fr., Jody Littrell, G-F, 6-4/Fr.; Jeff Myers, F, 6-6/Jr (JC); Scott VonBergen, C, 7-1/Soph. (JC).

1985-86 Record: 9-19, MCC, 2-10/7th.

Site: Indianapolis.

1986-87 Schedule

| | | | |
|-------------------------|-----|----------------------|-----|
| DePaul Ind.) | N29 | St. Louis | J19 |
| Northwestern | D3 | At Northern Illinois | J24 |
| Ball State | D6 | At Oral Roberts | J26 |
| At Indiana State | D8 | Xavier | J31 |
| At Valparaiso | D10 | Dayton | F2 |
| Cardinal Varsity Club C | D12 | Loyola of Chicago | F7 |
| Indianapolis | D22 | Detroit | F9 |
| Indiana State | D27 | Valparaiso | F11 |
| Kodak Classic | D29 | At Evansville | F14 |
| Western Kentucky | J3 | At St. Louis | F16 |
| At Loyola of Chicago | J10 | At Xavier | F19 |
| At Detroit | J12 | Oral Roberts | F23 |
| Evansville | J17 | | |

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Detroit (Titans)

Coach: Don Sicko (50-84, 4 years).

Starters Lost (3): Kevin McAdoo, G (9 9 ppg, 2 rpg, 7 4 ppg, 51 9 FG%); Lou Range, C (5 7 ppg, 4 rpg, 58 FG%); Greg Wendt, F (13 9 ppg, 7 3 rpg, 3 apg).

Others Lost: Willis Carter, F (5 1 ppg, 3 5 rpg); John McIntyre, G, 6-4/Soph. (4 9 ppg, transfer/Michigan); Starters Returning (2): Brian Humes, F, 6-8/Sr (14 1 ppg, 4 9 rpg, 55 8 FG%, 2 1 bpg); Archie Tullios, G, 6-2/Jr (11 2 ppg, 53 FG%, 91 3 FT%).

Other Returnees: Mike Brown, G, 6-4/Jr.; Dan Kennedy, F, 6-7/Soph.; Jeff Miller, F, 6-6/Sr.

Newcomers: Pat Brennan, F, C, 6-8/Fr., John Buszka, F, 6-9/Fr., Carlos Cook, F, 6-7/Jr. (Fresno State JC); Brian Elve, G-F, 6-4/Fr., Matt Maher, C, 6-10/Fr., Marvin Owens, G, 6-4 Jr. (transfer/Oklahoma City); Pau Williams, F, 6-6 Jr. BII Wood, G, 5-10/Fr.

1985-86 Record: 14-15, MCC, 7-5/T3rd.

1986-87 Schedule

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|-----------------------|-----|-------------------|-----|
| At Iowa State | N29 | Dayton | J19 |
| At North Carolina A&T | D1 | At St. Louis | J24 |
| At Toledo | D4 | At Evansville | J26 |
| Wayne (Mich.) State | D6 | Oral Roberts | J28 |
| St. Mary's (Mich.) | D11 | At Akron | F2 |
| Purdue | D13 | Youngstown State | F4 |
| Minnesota | D20 | At Xavier | F7 |
| At Nebraska | D22 | At Butler | F9 |
| Eastern Michigan | D27 | Loyola of Chicago | F12 |
| At Bradley | J3 | At Oral Roberts | F14 |
| Colorado | J5 | At Tulsa | F16 |
| Xavier | J10 | St. Louis | F21 |
| Butler | J12 | Evansville | F23 |
| At Loyola of Chicago | J18 | | |

Evansville (Purple Aces)

Coach: Jim Crews (8-19, 1 year).

Starters Lost (3): Mike Messing, G (8 8 ppg, 2 6 rpg, 4 7 ppg, 51 9 FG%); Bobby Mukes, F (16 7 ppg, 5 rpg); Paul Schaefer, F (17 ppg, 0 rpg).

Others Lost: Eric Frieheuf, F, 6-8/Soph. (3 7 ppg, transfer/Colorado State); Jim Jacobs, F (quit team).

Starters Returning (2): Curtis Jackson, G, 6-2/Jr (14 9 ppg, 4 9 rpg); Troy Jones, G, 6-2/Soph. (9 7 ppg, 2 5 rpg, 3 apg, 52 3 FG%, 84 1 FT%).

Other Returnees: Chris Bomba, F, 6-7/Soph. (2 4 ppg); Larry Brand, F, 6-7/Fr. (RS/foot); Dan Goddard, C, 6-9/Fr. (RS/back).

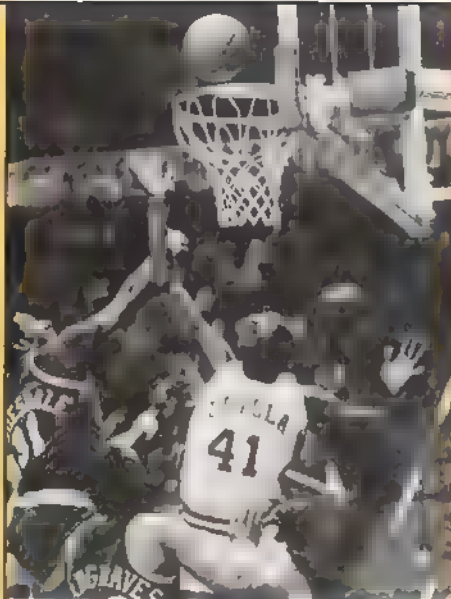
Newcomers: Veltra Dawson, G, 6-1/Jr. (transfer/Villanova); Milt Donald, G, 6-3/Fr.; Kevin Haddock, F, 6-5/Fr.; Scott Halfner, G, 6-3/Soph. (transfer/Hillinois); Brian Hill, F, 6-8/Fr.; Jeff Morning, F-C, 6-8/Fr.; Marty Simmons, F, 6-5/Jr. (transfer/Indiana).

1985-86 Record: 8-19, MCC, 3-9/6th.

Site: Evansville, Ind.

1986-87 Schedule

| | | | |
|--------------------------|-----|----------------------|-----|
| Montana State | D1 | At Butler | J17 |
| Sam Houston (Tex.) State | D3 | At Xavier | J19 |
| Indiana State | D6 | DePaul | J21 |
| Kentucky Wesleyan | D8 | Loyola of Chicago | J24 |
| At Wisconsin-Green Bay | D11 | Detroit | J26 |
| Austin Peay State | D13 | St. Louis | J31 |
| At Cincinnati | D20 | At Morehead State | F2 |
| Bradley | D22 | At Oral Roberts | F9 |
| At St. Louis | D30 | Butler | F14 |
| Miami of Ohio | J3 | Xavier | F16 |
| At Murray State | J5 | At Loyola of Chicago | F21 |
| At South Alabama | J8 | At Detroit | F23 |
| At Valparaiso | J10 | At Marquette | M3 |
| Oral Roberts | J12 | | |



Loyola's Andre Moore.

Loyola (Ramblers)

Coach: Gene Sullivan (109-88, 6 years).

Starters Lost (2): Carl Golston, G (19 6 ppg, 2 1 rpg, 6 1 ppg, 81 7 FT%); Ivan Young, F (8 ppg, 6 5 rpg, 54 8 FG%).

Starters Returning (3): Mike Cenar, F, 6-5/Sr (5 1 ppg, 3 2 rpg); Bernard Jackson, G, 6-3/Sr (16 3 ppg, 4 rpg, 3 3 apg); Andre Moore, C, 6-9/Sr (17 9 ppg, 10 rpg, 1 6 bpg, 52 8 FG%).

Other Returnees: Nate Brooks, F, 6-4/Jr (4 ppg, 4 8 rpg); Keith Carter, G, 6-1/Jr (2 2 ppg); Bobby Clark, G-F, 6-6/Sr (2 ppg, 2 8 rpg); Gerald Hayward, F, 6-6/Soph. (14 2 ppg, 2 8 rpg); Dave Klusendorf, F, 6-8/Sr.

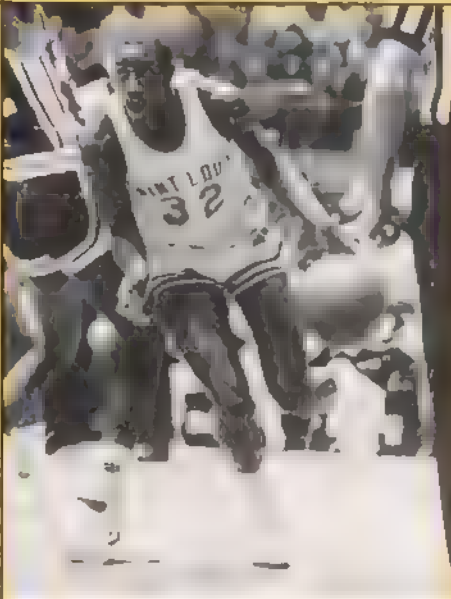
Newcomers: Tim Bankston, G-F, 6-4/Soph. (transfer/Bradley).

1985-86 Record: 13-16, MCC, 7-5/T3rd.

Site: Chicago.

1986-87 Schedule

| | | | |
|-------------------------|-----|----------------------|-----|
| At Syracuse | N29 | Detroit | J18 |
| Chicago State | D2 | Marquette | J21 |
| South Carolina | D6 | At Evansville | J24 |
| Cotton States Classic | D13 | At St. Louis | J28 |
| Loyola Marymount | D19 | At Dayton | J29 |
| At Cincinnati | D22 | Oral Roberts | F2 |
| Illinois | D27 | Arkansas-Little Rock | F4 |
| At North Carolina State | D30 | At Butler | F7 |
| A. Bradley | J5 | At Xavier | F9 |
| Colorado | J7 | At Detroit | F12 |
| Butler | J10 | At Oral Roberts | F16 |
| Xavier | J12 | Evansville | F21 |
| DePaul | J15 | St. Louis | F23 |



St. Louis' Monroe Douglass.

Oral Roberts (Titans)

Coach: Ted Owens (10-18, 1 year).

Starters Lost: None.

Others Lost: Kip Brown, F (3 ppg, transfer); William Davis, F, 6-6/Fr. (RS; transfer/Hutchinson CC); Michael Obaseki, C; Steve Phylis, F-C, 6-9/Soph. (transfer/Northern Iowa); Mark Wilson, G (3 4 ppg).

Starters Returning (5): Akin Akin-Oluko, F, 6-8/Sr (14 1 ppg, 6 1 rpg); Willie Irons, G, 6-2/Jr. (10 ppg, 4 2 apg); Woody Jones, G, 6-5/Jr. (12 1 ppg, 3 apg); Brian Miles, F, 6-8/Sr. (10 3 ppg, 5 8 rpg, 65 6 FG%); Maurice Smith, F, 6-7/Sr (12 ppg, 7 8 rpg).

Other Returnees: Kendall Mack, G, 6-8/Sr.

Newcomers: Boyce Cherry, F, 6-8/Jr. (JC/RS); Pete Davis, C, 6-9/Jr. (transfer/N.C. Central); Clinton Horton, F, 6-7/Soph. (transfer/UNCCL); Peter Partain, G, 6 4/Fr.; Phillip Styles, G, 6-3/Soph. (JC); Haywood Workman, G, 6 3/Soph. (transfer/Winston-Salem).

1985-86 Record: 10-18, MCC, 5-7/5th.

Site: Tulsa.

1986-87 Schedule

| | | | |
|------------------------|-----|--------------------------|-----|
| Texas Southern | N29 | Southwest Texas State | J17 |
| At Tulsa | D2 | Stephen F. Austin (Tex.) | J20 |
| JC Irvine | D6 | Xavier | J24 |
| At Texas A&M | D8 | Butler | J28 |
| Coppin (Md.) State | D11 | At Detroit | J31 |
| Texas | D13 | At Loyola of Chicago | F2 |
| At Brigham Young | D20 | St. Louis | F7 |
| Memphis State | D27 | Evansville | F9 |
| At BMA Holiday Classic | D29 | Detroit | F14 |
| Alabama State | J3 | Loyola of Chicago | F16 |
| Tulsa | J5 | At Arkansas | F18 |
| At St. Louis | J10 | At Xavier | F21 |
| At Evansville | J12 | At Butler | F23 |
| Southern (La.) | F15 | | |

St. Louis (Billikens)

Coach: Rich Graver (48-66, 4 years).

Starters Lost (1): Darryl Lenard, G (6 4 ppg, 4 apg, 90 5 FT%).

Others Lost: Kevin Williams, G (5 8 ppg).

Starters Returning (4): Monroe Douglass, G-F, 6-4/Soph. (14 5 ppg, 4 3 rpg, 54 9 FG%); Roland Gray, F, 6-8/Soph. (11 5 ppg, 7 8 rpg); Redditt Hudson, C, 6-9/Sr (8 2 ppg, 4 1 rpg, 53 7 FG%); Jim Roder, G, 6-4/Sr (6 3 ppg, 3 9 apg).

Other Returnees: Tony Brown, F, C, 6-8/Jr. (5 3 ppg, 2 9 rpg, 53 9 FG%); Paul Jansen, F, 6-5/Sr.; David King, C, 7-0/Soph.; Ted Mennitz, G-F, 6-6/Jr. (7 6 ppg, 52 8 FG%); Dale Ranken, F, 6-7/Jr.

Newcomers: Anthony Bonner, F-C, 6-7/Fr.; Martin Howell, F-C, 6-9/Fr.; Chris Peay, G, 6-2/Fr.; Ramon Trice, G, 6-3/Jr. (Fresno State, JC).

1985-86 Record: 18-12, MCC, 8-4/2nd.

Site: St. Louis.

1986-87 Schedule

| | | | |
|-----------------------|-----|----------------------|-----|
| Hawaii Pacific Town. | N27 | At Xavier | J17 |
| Missouri Baptist | D5 | At Butler | J19 |
| Northern Iowa | D6 | Detroit | J24 |
| At Dayton | D9 | Loyola of Chicago | J28 |
| Western Illinois | D11 | At Evansville | J31 |
| Illinois State | D13 | At Youngstown State | F2 |
| At Southwest Missouri | D20 | Eastern Illinois | F5 |
| At Southern Illinois | D23 | At Oral Roberts | F7 |
| Evansville | D30 | At Cincinnati | F11 |
| At Indiana State | J3 | Xavier | F16 |
| Bradley | J7 | Butler | F18 |
| Oral Roberts | J10 | Missouri-St. Louis | F19 |
| At Memphis State | J12 | At Detroit | F21 |
| Florida A&M | J14 | At Loyola of Chicago | F23 |

Xavier (Musketeers)

Coach: Pete Gillen (25-5, 1 year).

Starters Lost (4): Richie Harris, F (15 3 ppg, 6 4 rpg, 79 6 FT%); Eddie Johnson, C (12 3 ppg, 6 7 rpg, 56 3 FG%); Ralph Lee, G (18 5 ppg, 4 6 rpg, 8 4 ppg); Walt McBride, F (14 ppg, 5 6 rpg, 1 9 apg).

Others Lost: Andy Donnelly, C (3 6 ppg, 2 9 rpg); Starters Returning (1): Byron Larkin, G, 6 3/Jr (21 8 ppg, 2 8 rpg, 54 5 FG%).

Other Returnees: Dexter Campbell, F, 6 6/Jr.; Mike Cobb, G, 6 0/Soph.; Leroy Greenidge, G, 6 4/Sr (2 8 ppg); Mike Ramey, F, 6 8/Soph.; Kelly Williamson, F, 6 6/Soph.

Newcomers: J.D. Barnett, F, 6 4/Jr. (JC); Reggie Bell, F, 6 5/Fr.; Tyrone Hill, F, 6 9/Fr.; Stan Kimbrough, G, 6 11/Soph. (transfer/Central Florida); Bob Koester, F, 6 8/Fr.; Jim Renforth, F, 6 7/Fr.; Kyle Taylor, G, 6 3/Soph. (transfer/Marshall).

1985-86 Record: 25-5, MCC, 10-2/1st.

Site: Cincinnati.

1986-87 Schedule

| | | | |
|-------------------|-----|----------------------|-----|
| Flier Classic | N28 | At Loyola of Chicago | J12 |
| St. Joseph's | D1 | St. Louis | J17 |
| John Carroll (O.) | D3 | Evansville | J19 |
| Ohio Dominican | D6 | At Oral Roberts | J24 |
| At Pittsburgh | D8 | At Cincinnati | J28 |
| Hanover (Ind.) | D11 | At Butler | J31 |
| Creighton | D13 | Detroit | F2 |
| Miami of Ohio | D20 | Loyola of Chicago | F7 |
| Coigale | D23 | At St. Louis | F14 |
| At Dayton | D27 | At Evansville | F16 |
| Duquesne | D30 | Butler | F19 |
| Coastal Carolina | J3 | Oral Roberts | F21 |
| At Detroit | J10 | | |

The Space Age

Kansas, Oklahoma, Iowa State Lead Up-Tempo Surge

By STEVE RICHARDSON

Not too many years ago, the Big Eight was labeled a "football only" conference. Because of the grid-iron successes of Oklahoma, Nebraska and other league schools, Big Eight basketball was characterized nationally as something that merely filled the gap between fall and spring.

"I always thought of the Big Eight as a football conference," Kansas Coach Larry Brown said. "They tried to walk the ball up the court and play very slow. It was a technical-type league with good coaching."

Not anymore. The 1980s have brought the Big Eight's space age, an era in which teams move the ball quickly and run up the score. As statistical evidence that Big Eight basketball has gained newfound excitement and respect, consider that in each of the last three years, a Big Eight school (Oklahoma each time) has ranked among the top three Division I schools in scoring offense. The Sooners led the nation in that category in 1985, and last season they ranked third, with Kansas placing 10th. No other conference had two teams in the top 10 last winter. In addition, the league's home attendance has ranked among the top five nationally for several years.

The bottom line is that recognition and money have poured into the Midlands. That was never more true than last year, when Kansas made the Final Four and four other teams also landed in the NCAA Tournament, producing \$2.1 million for the league.

"We have shown—Oklahoma and us, Missouri for several years and now Kansas—we can play with any league in the country and not be embarrassed," Iowa State Coach Johnny Orr said. "And if we are on TV, if we can get them to play in our gyms, we are going to have a greater (winning) percentage.... I think we can be up there every year."

The league has improved so dramatically that not making the NCAA Tournament can prove costly. Colorado's Tom Apke, Oklahoma State's Paul Hansen and Kansas State's Jack Hartman all had mediocre seasons and either resigned under pressure or were fired last season. Nebraska Coach Moe Iba also resigned under pressure despite taking his school to the NCAA playoffs for the first time. The clear message from that move at Nebraska was that the days of "football



High-scoring forward Jeff Grayer keys Iowa State's hopes for a Big Eight Conference championship.

only" in Lincoln are over, Cornhusker fans want their basketball team to measure up to their football team.

"I don't believe you can't have good football and basketball," said Danny Nee, Nebraska's new coach. "In 1978, Notre Dame went to the Final Four in basketball and won the national championship in football (the previous fall). LSU, Oklahoma, Alabama and Notre Dame and Syracuse—they are good in both sports and they complement each other."

"I personally think the Big Eight is on the rise. I think the crisis at Nebraska and some other places creates opportunity."

Nee also recited a recurring theme: He

will run when he gets the players. Clearly, the up-tempo style at Oklahoma, Kansas and Iowa State—the three dominant teams the last three years—has transformed the league.

For the first time in several years, there isn't a favorite for the 1987 crown. But Kansas, Oklahoma, Iowa State, Missouri and Kansas State should head the list. And each school has a player who commands attention as an All-America candidate: Kansas' Danny Manning, Iowa State's Jeff Grayer, Oklahoma's Darryl Kennedy, Missouri's Derrick Chievous and Kansas State's Norris Coleman.

"I guess everybody picks us to win it because of Danny," Kansas' Brown said. "If we had Archie (Marshall, a forward), I think we would be picked. We would have three starters back and had a good recruiting year. Losing Archie throws our situation up in the air. But I still like our team. I wouldn't trade it for anybody's."

Marshall will be sidelined this season after suffering a knee injury that required surgery in the Jayhawks' NCAA semifinal loss to Duke. That leaves 6-foot-11 forward Manning, the Big Eight's Player of the Year last season, and all-conference guard Cedric Hunter, who led the league in assists, as the lone returning starters.

Manning is considered the league's best player because of his ability to do almost everything well. He is an outstanding shooter (16.7 points per game), rebounder (6.3 average), passer (93 assists), defender (80 steals) and shot-blocker (46).

Gone, however, are three 1,000-point scorers: Ron Kellogg, Calvin Thompson and Greg Dreiling. To pick up some of the scoring, Brown must rely on such young players as forward Mark Randall and guard Kevin Pritchard, his top two freshman recruits.

"At 6-9, Mark can handle it and run," Brown said. "He gives us a person to play a lot of places. He looks so much like Bobby Jones. He can handle the ball for a big kid but is really pretty strong."

"Pritchard is going to have to play.... He is a good outside shooter."

The likely candidates to replace Dreiling and Kellogg are 6-10 junior college transfer Sean Alvarado and 6-9 Mark Pellock, who will return for his sophomore season after a redshirt year. The other key redshirt is sophomore swingman Milt Newton, who sat out last season and worked on his ball-handling skills. Brown will play Newton and Pritchard alongside Hunter in the Jayhawks' backcourt.

Kansas could be crowded by Iowa State, the only Big Eight team that beat the Jayhawks last season. The Cyclones will have back the nucleus of the team that set a school record for victories (22) while advancing to the final 16 of the NCAA Tournament with victories over

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Colorado (Golden Buffaloes)

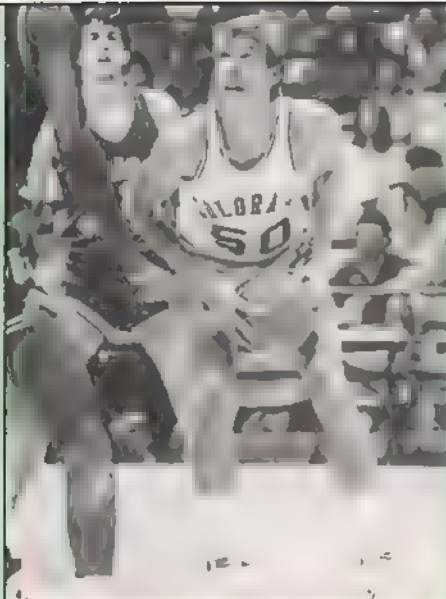
Coach: Tom Miller (first year at Colorado)
Starters Lost (2): Randy Downs, C (12.4 ppg, 6.4 rpg, 53.3 FG%), Mike Reid, G (17.4 ppg, 6 epg)
Others Lost: Don Yowell, F (12.4 ppg)
Starters Returning (3): Matt Bullard, F, 6-10/Soph (12.7 ppg, 6.4 rpg, 3.1 apg, 60.4 FG%, 81.8 FT%)
 Michael Lee, G, 6-4/Jr (9.8 ppg, 2 rpg); Torin Williams, F, 6-9/Jr (12.3 ppg, 4.4 rpg, 52.6 FG%)
Other Returnees: Ken Countryman, G, 6-3/Soph; David Kuosman, G, 6-4/Soph; Jeff Panix, G, 6-0/Soph (2.9 ppg); Brian Robinson, F, 6-5/Soph; Scott Wilke, C, 6-9/Jr (19.3 ppg, 3.8 rpg, 58.1 FG%)
Newcomers: Dan Becker, F, 6-7/Soph (transfer/St Joseph's); Kerry Nash, G, 6-1/Fr; Brent Vaughan, F, 6-8/Fr

1985-86 Record: 8-20; Big Eight: 0-14/8th.
 Site: Boulder, Colo.

1986-87 Schedule

| | | | |
|----------------------|-----|-------------------|-----|
| Webb State | N28 | At Nebraska | J17 |
| Utah | D2 | Kansas State | J21 |
| At Wyoming | D6 | At Missouri | J24 |
| At Colorado State | D11 | Okahoma | J27 |
| At Kansas | D13 | At Illinois | J31 |
| Tulsa | D20 | At Oklahoma State | F4 |
| At UC Santa Barbara | D29 | Nebraska | F7 |
| At San Diego | D31 | At Kansas State | F11 |
| Marquette | J3 | Iowa State | F14 |
| At Detroit | J5 | At Oklahoma | F18 |
| At Loyola of Chicago | J7 | Missouri | F21 |
| Dayton | J10 | Kansas | F25 |
| Palmer | J17 | Oklahoma State | F28 |
| At Iowa State | J14 | | |

Bold face denotes conference-leading totals.



Colorado's Matt Bullard.

Nebraska (Cornhuskers)

Coach: Danny Nee (first year at Nebraska)
Starters Lost (3): Dave Hoppen, C (22.1 ppg, 7.7 rpg, 61.6 FG%, 80.3 FT%); Harvey Marshall, G (11.8 ppg); John Matzke, F (4.3 ppg, 3.5 rpg).
Others Lost: Darren Brown, G, 6-1/Soph (left team); Chris Logan, F, C (6.1 ppg, 5 rpg); Milton Shobe, G, 6-2/Soph (transfer/Nebraska-Omaha).
Starters Returning (2): Brian Carr, G, 6-1/Sr (11.9 ppg, 6.7 rpg, 84.9 FT%); Bernard Day, F, 6-5/Sr (13.1 ppg, 6.6 rpg, 56.4 FG%).
Other Returnees: Anthony Bailous, G, 6-3/Sr (5.7 ppg, 80.5 FT%); Bill Jackman, F, 6-9/Sr; Mike Martz, F, 6-6/Sr; Keith Neubert, F-C, 6-7/Jr; Joel Seaton, G, 6-2/Jr.
Newcomers: Henry Buchanan, G, 6-1/Jr (JC); Jeff Rekoweg, F, 6-5/Jr (Valparaiso JC); Richard Van Poolgeest, C, 6-9/Fr (from Holland); Derrick Vick, F, 6-6/Jr (JC).

1985-86 Record: 19-11; Big Eight: 8-6/T3rd.
 Site: Lincoln, Neb.

1986-87 Schedule

| | | | |
|-----------------------|-----|-------------------|-----|
| At UC Irvine | N28 | Colorado | J17 |
| Oregon | D1 | At Iowa State | J20 |
| At Creighton | D6 | At Kansas | J22 |
| At Southern Illinois | D10 | Missouri | J28 |
| At Texas A&M | D14 | Oklahoma State | F1 |
| Wyoming | D20 | Oklahoma | F4 |
| Detroit | D22 | At Colorado | F7 |
| Missouri St. Louis | D27 | Illinois State | F11 |
| Rochester Classic | D29 | Kansas State | F14 |
| Creighton | J3 | At Missouri | F18 |
| Northwest Missouri St | J5 | At Oklahoma | F21 |
| Brooklyn | J7 | At Oklahoma State | F25 |
| At Kansas State | J10 | Kansas | F28 |

Iowa State (Cyclones)

Coach: Johnny Orr (B1 87, 6 years)
Starters Lost (2): Jeff Horvack, G (13.7 ppg, 3.8 rpg, 6.6 apg, 1.9 spg); Ron Virgil, F (8.1 ppg, 3.6 rpg, 3.1 apg, 52.2 FG%, 81.1 FT%)
Others Lost: David Moss, C (13.1 ppg); Eli Parker, G-F, 6-4/Jr (transfer/Western Michigan).
Starters Returning (3): Jeff Grayer, F, 6-5/Jr (20.7 ppg, 6.3 rpg, 54.7 FG%, 1.9 spg); Sam Hill, C, 6-9/Sr (9.5 ppg, 6.7 rpg, 1 bpg); Gery Thompsons, G, 6-3/Jr (9 ppg, 2.3 rpg, 4.1 apg, 59.1 FG%)
Other Returnees: Lefester Rhodes, F-C, 6-8/Jr (4.3 ppg); Elmer Robinson, G-F, 6-5/Soph (5.6 ppg, 3.3 rpg); Tom Schafer, F-C, 6-7/Jr (4 ppg, 3.1 rpg)
Newcomers: Paul Doerfler, F, 6-7/Fr; Bryan Heger, G, 6-9/Fr; Matt Margenthaler, G, 6-3/Fr; Adrian Moore, G-F, 6-4/Fr; Terry Woods, G, 6-9/Fr
 1985-86 Record: 22-11; Big Eight: 9-5/2nd.
 Site: Ames, Ia.

1986-87 Schedule

| | | | |
|-----------------------|-----|-------------------|-----|
| Detroit | N29 | At Kansas State | J17 |
| At Creighton | D2 | Nebraska | J20 |
| Wisconsin Green Bay | D4 | Oklahoma State | J24 |
| Orake | D6 | At Kansas | J27 |
| Northern Iowa | D11 | At Oklahoma | J29 |
| At Michigan State | D13 | Missouri | F3 |
| At Iowa | D20 | Kansas State | F7 |
| Florida International | D22 | At Nebraska | F11 |
| Sun Bowl Tournament | D28 | At Colorado | F14 |
| Illinois State | J3 | Kansas | F18 |
| Texas Arlington | J5 | At Oklahoma State | F21 |
| Dayton | J7 | Oklahoma | F24 |
| Colorado | J14 | At Missouri | F28 |

Kansas State (Wildcats)

Coach: Lon Kruger (first year at Kansas State)
Starters Lost (3): Benny Green, G, 6-3/Soph (7.8 ppg, transfer); Ben Mitchell, F (8.4 ppg, 5.3 rpg, 57.1 FG%); Joe Wright, G (18.1 ppg, 82.3 FT%)
Others Lost: Kevin Muff, F, Brad Underwood, G (3.1 ppg); Ty Walker, G (transfer/Garden City CC)
Starters Returning (2): Norris Coleman, F, 6-8/Soph (21.8 ppg, 8 rpg, 51.8 FG%); Ron Meyer, C, 6-9/Jr (13.9 ppg, 5.3 rpg)
Other Returnees: Mark Dobbins, G, 6-5/Soph (3.6 ppg); Percy Eddie, F, 6-8/Sr (4.6 ppg, 3 rpg); Lance Simmons, F, 6-5/Soph; Lynn Smith, G, 5-11/Sr
Newcomers: Charles Bledsoe, F, 6-7/Jr (JC); Howard Bonser, C, 6-11/Fr; Steve Henson, G, 6-1/Fr; Michael McCraeven, G, 6-2/Jr (JC); Mark Nelson, G, 6-0/Jr (JC); Mitch Richmond, G, 6-5/Jr (JC); William Scott, G, 6-3/Jr (JC)
 1985-86 Record: 16-14; Big Eight: 4-10/7th.
 Site: Manhattan, Kan.

1986-87 Schedule

| | | | |
|------------------------|-----|-------------------|-----|
| South Dakota | N29 | Iowa State | J17 |
| Grand Canyon (Ariz.) | D1 | At Colorado | J21 |
| At Texas Tech | D3 | Kansas | J24 |
| Southwest Texas State | D6 | At Oklahoma State | J28 |
| Creighton | D9 | At Missouri | J31 |
| Abilene Tex. Christian | D11 | Oklahoma | F4 |
| At Wichita State | D13 | At Iowa State | F7 |
| Muskegon Invitational | D19 | Creighton | F11 |
| At Northern Illinois | D21 | At Nebraska | F14 |
| North Carolina | D27 | At Oklahoma State | F17 |
| At Marquette | J7 | At Kansas | F19 |
| Nebraska | J10 | Missouri | F25 |
| Wichita State | J12 | At Oklahoma | F28 |

*Kansas City, Mo.

Oklahoma (Sooners)

Coach: Billy Tubbs (141 58, 6 years)
Starters Lost (2): Anthony Bowie, G (13.3 ppg, 4.6 rpg, 4.7 apg); Linwood Davis, G (7.9 ppg, 5 apg).
Others Lost: Shawn Clark, G; Javin Johnson, F, 6-8/Soph (transfer/Austin Peay State).
Starters Returning (3): David Johnson, F-C, 6-7, 240/Sr (14.3 ppg, 6.9 rpg); Darryl Kennedy, F, 6-5/Sr (21 ppg, 8.2 rpg); Tim McCallister, G, 6-3/Sr (18.2 ppg, 4.8 rpg, 4.2 apg, 2.8 spg, 81.9 FT%)
Other Returnees: Stacey King, C, 6-10/Soph (6 ppg, 3.8 rpg, 1.9 bpg); Tony Martin, F, 6-8/Soph (3.2 ppg); Conley Phipps, G, 6-3/Soph (4.5 ppg); Ron Roberts, F-C, 6-8/Sr (5.9 ppg); Dave Slogar, F, 6-8/Jr (3.2 ppg); Chuck Watson, F, 6-7/Sr (3 rpg).
Newcomers: Ricky Grace, G, 6-1/Jr (JC); Harvey Grant, F-G, 6-7/Jr (Clemson, JC); Terrence Mullins, G, 6-4/Fr.
 1985-86 Record: 26-9; Big Eight: 8-6/T3rd.
 Site: Norman, Okla.

1986-87 Schedule

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|-----------------------|-----|-----------------------|-----|
| Brigham Young* | N21 | Oklahoma State | J21 |
| Texas A&M | D2 | At Kansas State | J24 |
| Texas Arlington | D6 | At Colorado | J27 |
| At Texas | D10 | Iowa State | J29 |
| Florida State | D13 | At North Carolina St. | J31 |
| Colorado State | D20 | At Nebraska | F4 |
| At Colgate (Lawrence) | D26 | Missouri | F7 |
| Sooner Invitational | J2 | At Oklahoma State | F11 |
| At Missouri | J10 | At Kansas | F14 |
| Louisiana State* | J12 | Colorado | F18 |
| Kansas | J15 | Nebraska | F21 |
| Nevada-Las Vegas | J17 | At Iowa State | F24 |
| *Coca-Cola NIT | | Kansas State | F26 |
| †Oklahoma City | | At Kentucky | M1 |

Kansas (Jayhawks)

Coach: Larry Brown (83-22, 3 years)
Starters Lost (3): Greg Drilling, C (11.6 ppg, 6.7 rpg, 80 FG%); Ron Kellogg, F (16.9 ppg, 84.3 FT%); Calvin Thompson, G (13.4 ppg, 4.5 rpg)
Others Lost: Antonio Campbell, G, 6-0/Jr (transfer/Iaaho); Rodney Hull, F, 6-7/Jr (transfer/Chicago State); Jerry Johnson, F (transfer/Barton County CC); Archie Marshall, F, 6-7/Jr (7 ppg, 3.8 rpg RS/kneel).
Starters Returning (2): Cedric Hunter, G, 6-0/Sr (9.1 ppg, 7.1 apg, 56.2 FG%); Danny Manning, F, 6-11/Jr (16.7 ppg, 8.3 rpg, 2.1 apg, 60 FG%)
Other Returnees: Milt Newton, G, 6-4/Soph (RS); Mark Pellack, F, 6-9/Soph (RS/ankle); Chris Piper, F, 6-8/Jr (2.3 rpg); Mark Turgeon, G, 6-10/Sr
Newcomers: Sean Alvarado, C, 6-10/Jr (Drake, JC); Jeff Guelton, G, 6-5/Fr; Keith Harris, F, 6-6/Fr; Kevin Pritchard, G, 6-3/Fr; Mark Randall, F, 6-9/Fr.
 1985-86 Record: 35-4; Big Eight: 13-1/1st.

1986-87 Schedule

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|------------------------|-----|-----------------------|-----|
| Tennessee Martin | N29 | Missouri | J20 |
| Southern | D1 | Nebraska | J22 |
| Washington | D4 | North Carolina State* | J25 |
| At Arkansas | D6 | Iowa State | J27 |
| Colorado | D10 | At Louisville | F4 |
| Texas Tech | D20 | At Kansas State | F11 |
| The Citadel | D22 | Oklahoma State | F7 |
| Rainbow Classic | D27 | Not a game | F8 |
| At Wichita State | J6 | At Missouri | F11 |
| Temple | J8 | Oklahoma | F14 |
| At Oklahoma State | J11 | At Iowa State | F17 |
| At Oklahoma | J15 | Kansas State | F19 |
| Miami (Fla.) | J17 | St. John's | F21 |
| *Kansas City, Mo. | | At Colorado | F25 |
| †Madison Square Garden | | At Nebraska | F28 |

Missouri (Tigers)

Coach: Norm Stewart (1357 198, 19 years)
Starters Lost (2): Dan Bingenheimer, F-C (15.3 ppg, 6.5 rpg, 81.6 FG%); Jeff Strong, G (18.5 ppg)
Others Lost: Robyn Davis, G, 6-3/Soph (transfer/Loyola of Chicago); Steve Musser, G; Bill Roundtree, G.
Starters Returning (3): Derrick Chievous, F, 6-7/Jr (18.8 ppg, 7.7 rpg, 80.2 FT%); Lynn Hardy, G, 6-2/Jr (9.7 ppg, 4 apg, 2.1 spg, 54.7 FG%); Mike Sandbothe, F, 6-8/Soph (4.8 ppg, 5.5 rpg, 1.8 spg)
Other Returnees: Kurt Brockman, F, 6-8/Jr; Greg Church, F, 6-7/Soph (2.5 ppg); Gary Leonard, C, 7-0, 248/Soph (5 ppg, 3.6 rpg); Mike Pothoff, F, 6-9/Jr; Bradd Sutton, C, 6-9/Fr (RS/mononucleosis).
Newcomers: Nathan Buntin, F, 6-9/Fr; Lee Coward, G, 6-1/Fr; Mike Ingram, F, 6-8/Soph (JC).
 1985-86 Record: 21-14; Big Eight: 8-6/T3rd.
 Site: Columbia, Mo.

1986-87 Schedule

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|------------------------|-----|-------------------|-----|
| Hawaiian Airlines Inv. | N28 | Old Dominion | J14 |
| At Cal State | D2 | Oklahoma State | J17 |
| Southwest Missouri | D6 | At Kansas | J21 |
| Creighton | D7 | Colorado | J24 |
| Duke | D9 | At Nebraska | J28 |
| Austin Peay | D16 | Kansas State | F1 |
| At Iowa State | D20 | At Iowa State | F4 |
| At Oklahoma | D23 | At Oklahoma | F7 |
| BMA Holiday Classic | D29 | Kansas | F11 |
| Memphis State | J3 | At Oklahoma State | F14 |
| At S. Bonaventure | J5 | Nebraska | F18 |
| At Virginia | J7 | At Colorado | F21 |
| Oklahoma | J10 | At Kansas State | F25 |
| *St. Louis | | Iowa State | F28 |

Oklahoma State (Cowboys)

Coach: Leonard Hamilton (first year at Okla. State)
Starters Lost (3): Terry Faggus, G (14.6 ppg), Andre Ivy, F (9.5 ppg, 5.4 rpg); David Taylor F
Others Lost: Anthony Andrews, G; Mitch Jones, G (5.3 ppg); Eric Young, C (transfer/Seminole JC).
Starters Returning (2): Alan Bannister, C, 7-4, 268/Soph (7.8 ppg, 3.9 rpg, 1.8 bpg); Jason Manuel, F, 6-7/Jr (8.3 ppg, 4.9 rpg)
Other Returnees: Melvin Gilliam, G, 6-1/Soph (9.1 ppg); Roshon Patton, G, 5-10/Sr (6.4 ppg, 81.5 FT%); Nolan Richardson III, G, 6-0/Jr (9.8 ppg).
Newcomers: Ray Alford, F, 6-8/Jr (RS/grades); Todd Christian, G, 6-6/Jr (JC); Jay Davis, G, 6-1/Sr (transfer/CRU); Chris Gaffney, G, 6-5/Fr; Ronny Jafries, F, 6-6/Fr; Sylvester Kinchaon, C, 6-10/Jr (Miss. Now Mex. St. & JC); Keith Malone, G, 6-3/Fr; Robert Smith, F, 6-8/Jr (New Mex. St. JC); Byron Steward, F, 6-5/Fr; William Woods, F, 6-5/Fr.
 1985-86 Record: 16-13; Big Eight: 6-8/6th.
 Site: Stillwater, Okla.

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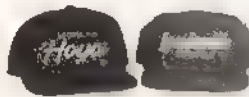
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| At Pepperdine | N29 | At Oklahoma | J21 |
| Baylor | D1 | At Iowa State | J24 |
| Carrier Classic | D5 | Kansas State | J28 |
| At Tulsa | D13 | At Nebraska | F1 |
| Minnesota | D15 | Colorado | F4 |
| BYU-Hawaii | D19 | At Kansas | F7 |
| At New Mexico | D23 | Oklahoma | F11 |
| All College Tournament | D26 | Missouri | F14 |
| At Memphis State | D30 | At Kansas State | F17 |
| At New Orleans | J3 | Iowa State | F21 |
| Missouri Southern State | J7 | Nebraska | F25 |
| Kansas | J11 | At Colorado | F28 |
| At Missouri | J17 | | |

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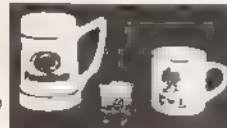


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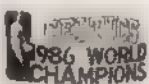
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Miami (O.) and Michigan.

Orr has one of the best players in the league in Grayer, an all-conference forward who averaged 20.7 points as a sophomore last season.

Iowa State lost All-Big Eight guard Jeff Hornacek, but point guard Gary Thompson, an able passer and defender, is back to direct the Cyclones. Sophomore Elmer Robinson and any of three freshmen could find themselves in the lead guard spot.

Even so, Orr may instruct the versatile Grayer to play guard on defense and to move inside on offense.

"He had some great performances that were unreal," Orr said of last season. "He is extremely quick. He is as quick as anybody in the league. The key to him is that he is a very quick jumper, and he jumps up for his shot before anybody can stop him. Plus, he is a smart player and great defensive player."

As usual, Iowa State will be short and quick. Senior Sam Hill, a 6-9 center, is the Cyclones' "big man," but he will get some competition for playing time from 6-9 freshman Brvan Heger. Senior Tom Schafer is a likely replacement for Ron Virgil at forward.

Like Orr, Oklahoma Coach Billy Tubbs has three returning starters with Kennedy, guard Tim McCalister and 6-7 forward-center David Johnson. The key player is all-conference forward Kennedy, who led the Big Eight in rebounding (8.2 average) while pouring in 21 points per game.

Kennedy was shouldering a great rebounding burden late last season as the Sooners suffered from a lack of size. Stacey King, a 6-10 sophomore, was leading the Big Eight in blocked shots before being sidelined because of academic deficiencies after the first semester. Tubbs is hoping that King will establish himself as one of the league's dominant centers.

King's importance to the Sooners was not lost on Kennedy. Without King, "we are the smallest team in Division I," he said. "If somebody has a real big dude in there, there's nothing we can do."

Oklahoma's return to the title spot after being dethroned by Kansas last year also could depend on the performances of forward-center Ron Roberts and forward Harvey Grant, a nomadic but highly talented junior college transfer.

The backcourt will feature a couple of new players, junior college transfer Ricky Grace and freshman Terrence Mullins, in addition to McCalister, the league leader in steals the last two years. McCalister is a good scorer (18.2 average) and defender.

Missouri could challenge the top three, particularly if junior college recruit Mike Ingram or freshman Nathan Buntin breaks into the starting lineup and replaces forward-center Dan Bingenheimer.



Darryl Kennedy shoulders the heavy rebounding burden for the run-and-gun Oklahoma Sooners.

"He (Buntin) can play anywhere," Orr said. "He's a good shooter and he runs the floor. A good rebounder."

Seven-foot Gary Leonard, who had good games against Virginia's Olden Polynice and Memphis State's William Bedford, returns stronger as a sophomore. The Tigers should have plenty of muscle.

Missouri may do some experimenting at guard, where the departure of high-scoring Jeff Strong left a gaping hole. One experiment involves 6-8 forward Mike Sandbothe, who could be moved permanently. Missouri Coach Norm Stewart told him to work on his shooting this summer, but his passing skills alone would complement defensive specialist Lynn Hardy.

Chevous, a 6-7 forward, is one of the most explosive players in the league in going to the basket and can keep the Tigers rolling with just about any team. He averaged 18.8 points and 7.7 rebounds last winter.

"I think he's a bona fide pro prospect in two years," said Marty Blake, the National Basketball Association's director of scouting. "He (was) one of the 10 best sophomores in the country. Maybe one of the top five."

Kansas State's fortunes rest on the shoulders of Coleman, who was ruled ineligible to play until February 27. It was on that date in 1986 that Coleman, the nation's top freshman scorer (21.8 average), was declared ineligible because of deficient high school grades. But the All-Big Eight forward could play earlier if the school were to obtain a court injunction against the penalty.

First-year Coach Lon Kruger, who returned to his alma mater after rebuilding Pan American's program, said he isn't

counting on Coleman early. With junior center Ron Meyer, who is coming off knee surgery, as the only returning starter besides Coleman, Kruger went out and signed six players—four of them from junior colleges—to obtain instant help.

The top recruits are guards Mitch Richmond, a junior college All-America, and Michael McCraeven.

"We need for them to step in and contribute immediately," Kruger said. "I think the four junior college players come to us with a little more maturity and experience. I anticipate they will have a significant impact right away."

Like the Wildcats, Nebraska and Oklahoma State will get major face lifts under new coaches.

Leonard Hamilton, a longtime Kentucky assistant, takes over at Oklahoma State and was busy all spring stockpiling players. Counting recruits last fall, the Cowboys will have nine new players, including two recruits Hamilton lured away from Oklahoma, forward Royce Jeffries and guard Todd Christian.

Hamilton's main problem is that he has only one player, 7-4 sophomore Alan Bannister, returning in the frontcourt. Three experienced guards are back, but only senior Roshon Patton played the entire season.

Nebraska has as many question marks as the Cowboys. When asked about his team earlier this year, Nee replied: "You probably know more about Nebraska basketball than I do."

Nee knows that senior Brian Carr, a playmaking guard who was second in the Big Eight in assists last season, is one starter. Senior forward Bernard Day, who averaged 13.1 points and 6.6 rebounds, also returns, but he has had academic problems.

Besides Carr and Day, the rest of the Nebraska returnees combined for less than nine points and four rebounds per game. So, Nee has gone to the junior colleges for help, picking up guard Henry Buchanan and forward Derrick Vick.

With no big men in sight to replace center Dave Hoppen, the Cornhuskers' all-time leading scorer, Nebraska will be a short team next season.

That leaves Colorado, which went 0-14 in the league last year, thus becoming the first team ever to go winless in Big Eight play. New Coach Tom Miller, who came from Cornell, will try to reverse the Buffaloes' slide with a roster devoid of seniors.

Forward Matt Bullard is one of the few Colorado bright spots after a freshman season in which he ranked 18th in Division I in field-goal shooting (60.4 percent) and led the Buffs in scoring and rebounding. He will team with forwards Torin Williams and Dan Becker, the latter a transfer from St. Joseph's. ■

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On the Prowl

Cougars Expect Return to Glory Under New Coach

By KEVIN SHERRINGTON

Pat Foster's first three months as Houston's second basketball coach in the last 30 years weren't easy. He didn't have an office because Guy Lewis didn't officially move out until July, and things didn't get much better after he did.

Foster walked into his office the first day it was his and introduced himself to a temporary secretary.

"Hi, I'm Pat Foster," he said, smiling the confident smile of someone in charge. "I'm the basketball coach."

The secretary, however, was not fooled. "Oh, no," she said, "Guy Lewis is the coach."

Foster, who wasn't prepared to be challenged on such a point, had to do some fast explaining about who he was. You know, the guy from Lamar. The one it took 70 days to hire. The one guy who wanted the job all along but nobody got around to offering it to until it seemed too late. The one who got the job in a gas station. The one with one of the 10 best winning percentages among active coaches in college basketball. Tall, thin smile, thinner hair.

Foster, with an F. Pat.

The new Guy.

Foster eventually convinced the secretary, but it may take even longer for a basketball community that has grown used to the old Guy with the hawkish profile, checkered towel, 24 cups of water and five Final Four teams. Lewis was Houston's first basketball star and second basketball coach. In between there were 592 victories in a career that tended to run to extremes, with Lewis one of the most cussed and defended coaches in basketball. People had pretty much gotten used to him, for better or worse. After all this time, everyone figured Lewis probably would go out on his back, a checkered towel draped over his hooded, owlsh eyes.

But Lewis resigned abruptly last winter, effective at the end of the season. A new era was slammed in at Houston. The transition from Lewis to Foster may not be as smooth as a Lewis fast break, but Foster is trying.

Lewis didn't leave an ideal situation. The Cougars had lost Tito Horford, perhaps the best center prospect in the country, because of a recruiting violation. Two other signees also were lost because of recruiting foul-ups, and the ones they kept



 **Rickie Winslow is part of the nucleus around which the Houston Cougars have been rebuilt.**

didn't help. The Cougars, who two years ago were coming off their third Final Four appearance in a row, finished sixth in the Southwest Conference last season.

There were more problems in the classroom. A survey by the school's educational committee in August showed that at least half of Houston's athletes were not making satisfactory academic progress. Most hadn't even declared a major after three years.

Foster knew where to start. He needed some outside shooting, so he signed Darrell McArthur, a guard he had recruited for Lamar, and guard Derek Blunden, a junior college transfer. He needed some defense in the middle, so he signed 7-foot-1 Rolando Ferreira, a center for the Brazilian national team. He called in seniors Rickie Winslow and Greg Anderson, two holdovers from the Lewis regime, and told them he was going to build the team around them.

He didn't stop there. He told all the non-seniors they would have to live in the dormitory so they would develop a team spirit. And he told them they would have to go to class.

"You can't solve all the problems at

once," Foster said. "But you've got to be serious. Basketball, academics, drugs... we've got to make sure we do everything we can to make things better. We're going to have some discipline to put in that hasn't been there before."

That attitude might restore Houston to its once-powerful status in the SWC. Because of forwards Winslow and Anderson and the new recruits, the Cougars will be among the favorites in the SWC this season.

Texas Christian, which returns everyone except an overweight center, is the consensus favorite of the coaches. Southern Methodist has recruited well the last two years, and Arkansas put together a recruiting rush to go along with some great young talent. But Houston is a team to consider again.

"I feel like we can compete with everybody except maybe TCU," Foster said. "SMU and Arkansas will be right behind them. We have to be picked fourth, but we can get into the top one or two, especially with people like Winslow and Anderson."

Winslow, who averaged 15.6 points and

Continued

Arkansas (Razorbaks)

Coach: Nolan Richardson (12-16, 1 year)
Starters Lost (1): Byron Irvin, G, 6-4/Jr. (9.9 ppg, 2.8 rpg, transfer/Missouri).
Others Lost: Mike Carpenter, C, Jay Crane, F, Scott Rose, G, Darryl Scott, F, 6-8/Jr. (transfer/Idaho).
Starters Returning (4): Albie Freeman, G, 6-2/Jr. (15.5 ppg), Andrew Lang, C, 6-11, 235/Jr. (8.2 ppg, 6.5 rpg, 2.5 bpg), William Mills, F, 6-7/Sr. (13.8 ppg, 5.7 rpg), Mike Ratliff, G, 6-5/Sr. (13.1 ppg, 4.4 rpg).
Other Returnees: Kenny Hutchinson, G, 6-3/Jr.; Eric Poerschke, F, 6-7/Sr.
Newcomers: Shawn Baker, C, 6-10/Jr. (transfer/Ola. St.), Mario Credit, C, 6-9/Fr., Ron Huery, G, 6-0/Fr., Anthony Hurd, F, 6-0/Jr. (Tulsa JC), Larry Marks, F, 6-7/Fr., Philip McKeller, G, 6-6/Fr., Tim Scott, G, 6-3/Jr. (UALR JC), Cannon Whitby, G, 6-0/Fr., Keith Wilson, G, 6-7/Soph. (JC/RS/grades).
1985-86 Record: 12-16 SWC, 4-12/7th.

1986-87 Schedule

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|--------------------------|-----|-----------------------|-----|
| Gambing State* | N28 | At Texas Tech | J10 |
| Louisiana Tech† | N28 | Rice | J14 |
| Mississippi† | D3 | At Houston | J17 |
| Kansas† | D6 | At Baylor | J22 |
| At Alabama | D10 | Texas A&M | J24 |
| Morgan State | D13 | Southern Methodist | J27 |
| Mississippi Valley State | D18 | At Texas Christian | J31 |
| Virginia* | D20 | At Texas | F4 |
| At Southwest Missouri | D22 | Texas Tech | F7 |
| Rainbow Classic | D27 | Houston | F11 |
| Orange Christian | J3 | At Rice | F14 |
| North Texas State† | J5 | Oral Roberts† | F18 |
| Texas† | J8 | Baylor | F21 |
| *Pine Bluff Ark. | | At Texas A&M | F24 |
| †Little Rock Ark. | | At Southern Methodist | M1 |
| †Memphis Tenn. | | | |

Rice (Owls)

Coach: Tommy Suits (56-87, 5 years)
Starters Lost (2): Terrence Cashaw, F (13.9 ppg, 6.4 rpg), Jeff Crawford, G, 6-7/Jr. (6.7 ppg, 2.6 rpg, transfer/Oregon).
Others Lost: Ivan Pettit, G (5 ppg, 2.5 apg).
Starters Returning (3): Mike Cooper, G, 6-2/Soph. (3.9 ppg, 53.5 FG%); Greg Hines, F, 6-3/Sr. (16.7 ppg, 5.5 rpg), Richard Holmes, C, 6-7/Soph. (4.1 ppg, 3.2 rpg).
Other Returnees: Carl Daniels, F, 6-6/Jr. (2.9 ppg), Andy Gichrist, C, 6-8/Soph. (4 ppg, 2.8 rpg), Mike Grardi, G, 6-6/Jr. (4.6 ppg, 3 rpg), Michael Irving, G, 6-1/Jr.; Magnus Mathiasson, C, 6-9/Soph.; Ronald Smith, G, 6-0-4/Soph. (12.5 ppg).
Newcomers: Kevin Fuller, G, 6-4/Fr., Chuck Gentry, C, 6-8/Fr., Tom Peabody, G, 6-4/Fr.; Kevin Ruffcorn, C, 6-8, 230/Fr., D'Wayne Tanner, G, 5-9/Fr.
1985-86 Record: 9-19 SWC, 2-14/9th.
Site: Houston.

1986-87 Schedule

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|---------------------------|-----|-----------------------|-----|
| Central Fidelity Classic* | N28 | Baylor | J18 |
| Pacific | D1 | Texas A&M | J21 |
| Relay Invitational | D5 | At Southern Methodist | J24 |
| Austin Peay State | D9 | At Texas Christian | J28 |
| Louisiana College | D17 | Texas | F1 |
| Southeastern Louisiana | D19 | Texas Tech | F4 |
| At San Diego | D23 | At Houston | F7 |
| Southwestern Kan. | D30 | Arkansas | F14 |
| At Texas | J3 | At Baylor | F18 |
| At Texas Tech | J7 | At Texas A&M | F21 |
| Houston† | J10 | Southern Methodist | F25 |
| Trinity (Tex.)† | J12 | Texas Christian | F28 |
| At Arkansas | J14 | | |

Bold face denotes conference-leading totals.

Texas A&M (Aggies)

Coach: Shelby Metcalf (380-253, 23 years).
Starters Lost (2): Jimmie Gilbert, C (12.1 ppg, 7.3 rpg, 59.7 FG%); Don Marbury, G (21.8 ppg).
Others Lost: Gary Lewis, G (4.4 ppg), Al Pulliam, F (2.4 ppg), David Thompson, C (2.9 ppg).
Starters Returning (3): Mike Clifford, F, 6-6/Sr.; Winston Crite, F, 6-7/Sr. (13.3 ppg, 8 ppg, 58 FG%); Todd Holloway, G, 6-0/Sr. (9.8 ppg, 5 apg).
Other Returnees: Paul Crawford, F, 6-6/Jr. (2 ppg), Tadd Thomas, F, 6-7/Soph.
Newcomers: Eric Bethea, C, 7-1/Soph. (transfer/Central Florida); Keron Graves, G, 6-4/Jr. (SW Texas State, JC); Darryl McDonald, G, 6-4/Jr. (JC), James McGinnis, G, 6-0/Jr. (JC), Jules Moor, C, 6-9/Sr. (transfer/Elizabeth City State); Moses Reiner, G, 6-0/Fr.; Jesse Spinner, C, 6-10/Jr. (JC); John Trevant, F, 6-7/Jr. (JC/RS).
1985-86 Record: 20-12; SWC: 12-4/T1st.
Site: College Station, Tex.

1986-87 Schedule

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|------------------------|-----|-----------------------|-----|
| At Oklahoma | D2 | Houston | J19 |
| Southwest Texas State | D4 | At Rice | J21 |
| Oral Roberts | D8 | At Arkansas | J24 |
| Texas Southern | D10 | Baylor | J28 |
| Nebraska | D14 | At Southern Methodist | F5 |
| Kentucky Invitational | D19 | Texas Christian | F8 |
| Connecticut Mutual Cl | D29 | At Texas | F11 |
| Heritage Drake Classic | J2 | At Texas Tech | F15 |
| Southern Methodist | J7 | At Houston | F18 |
| At Texas Christian | J10 | Rice | F21 |
| Texas | J13 | Arkansas | F24 |
| Texas Tech | J17 | At Baylor | F28 |

Baylor (Bears)

Coach: Gene Iba (11-16, 1 year)
Starters Lost (1): Eric Johnson, G, 6-1/Jr. (8.7 ppg, 2.9 rpg, transfer/Nebraska).
Others Lost: Jack Smith, C, 6-9/Soph. (transfer/Hawaii).
Starters Returning (4): Robert McElmore, F, 6-4/Jr. (18.5 ppg, 3.6 rpg), Darryl Middleton, C, 6-8/Jr. (15.7 ppg, 6.9 rpg, 58.6 FG%), Frank Williams, F, 6-8/Jr. (5.4 ppg, 5 rpg), Michael Williams, G, 6-2/Jr. (13 ppg, 2.9 rpg, 2 spg, 80.6 FT%).
Other Returnees: Mark Buchanan, G, 6-2/Sr. (4.2 ppg), Alex Glasco, F, 6-6/Soph. (2.1 ppg), Stephen Hatford, G, 5-11/Soph. (3.2 ppg), Jody Reeves, F, 6-7/Sr. (3.2 ppg, 2.4 rpg), Dave Reichert, G, 6-4/Sr. (5 ppg, 85.7 FT%).
Newcomers: Michael Hobbs, G, 6-3/Fr.
1985-86 Record: 11-16 SWC, 3-13/8th.
Site: Waco, Tex.

1986-87 Schedule

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|------------------------|-----|--------------------------|-----|
| Midwestern State† | N29 | At Rice | J18 |
| At Oklahoma State | D1 | Arkansas | J22 |
| Tennessee (Tex.) State | D3 | At Houston | J24 |
| Tulsa | D6 | At Texas A&M | J28 |
| At Colorado State | D8 | Southern Methodist | J31 |
| North Texas State | D10 | Texas Christian | F4 |
| Illix Classic | D12 | At Texas | F7 |
| At Texas San Antonio | D20 | At Texas Tech | F11 |
| Marshall | D30 | Houston | F14 |
| At Southern Methodist | J3 | Rice | F18 |
| At Texas Christian | J7 | At Arkansas | F21 |
| Texas | J10 | Southwestern Texas State | F25 |
| Texas Tech | J14 | Texas A&M | F28 |

SMU (Mustangs)

Coach: Dave Bliss (98-81, 6 years)
Starters Lost (2): Kevin Lewis, F (18.6 ppg, 5.3 rpg), Butch Moore, G (9.4 ppg, 2.1 rpg, 7.7 apg).
Starters Returning (3): Scott Johnson, G, 6-4/Sr. (6 ppg, 78.4 FT%), Terry Thomas, F, 6-8/Jr. (3.8 ppg, 3.3 rpg), Terry Williams, C, 6-9/Sr. (12.7 ppg, 7.6 rpg, 62 FG%).
Other Returnees: Kato Armstrong, G, 5-11/Soph. (2.7 ppg), John Colborne, F, 6-8/Soph. (4.3 ppg, 2.9 rpg), Johnny Fuller, G, 6-1/Sr. (3.1 ppg); Reginald Muhammad, F, 6-8/Fr. (played in five games before RS/heart problem); Vernon Perdue, F, 6-8/Soph., Terry Thomas, F, 6-8/Jr. (3.8 ppg, 3.3 rpg), Coyne Winborn, G, 6-7/Jr.
Newcomers: Adrian Caldwell, F, 6-8/Jr. (JC), Carlton McKinney, G-F, 6-5/Jr. (transfer/Tulsa).
1985-86 Record: 18-11, SWC, 10-6/4th.
Site: Dallas.

1986-87 Schedule

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|------------------------|-----|------------------------|-----|
| Radford (Va.) | N28 | At Texas | J17 |
| Texas Southern | D1 | At Texas Tech | J19 |
| At Florida | D4 | Houston | J21 |
| South Florida | D6 | Rice | J24 |
| Hardin Simmons | D10 | At Arkansas | J27 |
| Prairie View A&M | D12 | At Baylor | J31 |
| Boston College* | D19 | Texas A&M | F5 |
| Georgia Tech* | D21 | Southwestern Louisiana | F7 |
| At Charlotte (Hawaii) | D23 | At Texas Christian | F12 |
| Dallas Morning News Cl | D29 | Texas | F14 |
| Baylor | J3 | Texas Tech | F18 |
| At Texas A&M | J7 | At Houston | F22 |
| Texas Christian | J14 | At Rice | F25 |
| *Tulsa | | Arkansas | M1 |

Texas Christian (Horned Frogs)

Coach: Jim Killingsworth (106-99, 7 years).
Starters Lost (1): Greg Grissom, C (8.9 ppg).
Others Lost: Marc Houston, C (dismissed).
Starters Returning (4): Norman Anderson, F, 6-7/Jr. (6.9 ppg, 5.1 rpg), Carven Holcombe, G, 6-5/Sr. (12.7 ppg, 5 rpg, 3.3 apg), Carl Lott, G, 6-4/Sr. (15.8 ppg, 4.5 rpg, 4 apg, 51.8 FG%); Larry Richard, F, 6-7/Sr. (9 ppg, 7.3 rpg).
Other Returnees: Jamie Dixon, G, 6-4/Sr. (10.4 ppg, 2.9 rpg, 4.2 apg), Rod Jacques, G, 6-4/Soph. (3.7 ppg, 81.1 FT%), Matt Minnis, F, 6-8/Sr. (2.5 ppg, 2.9 rpg), Tom Mortimer, F, 6-8/Sr. (RS), Tony Papa, C, 6-9/Sr. (RS), Randy Parker, G, 6-7/Soph. (RS), Bryan Stunchcomb, F, 6-7/Soph.; Mike Washington, G, 6-11/Sr. (3.1 ppg, 4.8 rpg).
Newcomers: Edwin Fromayan, F, 6-8/Fr., Broderick President, F, 6-5/Fr.; Chris Risenhoover, G, 6-0/Soph. (transfer/Howard Payne).
1985-86 Record: 22-9, SWC, 12-4/T1st.
Site: Fort Worth.

1986-87 Schedule

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|------------------------|-----|-----------------------|-----|
| At Louisiana State* | N21 | At Southern Methodist | J14 |
| At Lamar | D1 | Texas | J19 |
| North Texas State | D3 | At Texas Tech | J21 |
| At Colorado State | D6 | At Houston | J24 |
| Tulsa | D8 | Rice | J28 |
| Cougar Classic | D12 | Arkansas | J31 |
| Michigan State | D20 | At Baylor | F4 |
| Long Beach State | D23 | At Texas A&M | F8 |
| All College Tournament | D28 | Southern Methodist | F12 |
| At Arkansas | J3 | At Texas | F18 |
| Baylor | J7 | Texas Tech | F21 |
| Texas A&M | J10 | Houston | F25 |
| *Fort Collins NIT | | At Rice | F28 |

Houston (Cougars)

Coach: Pat Foster (first year at Houston)
Starters Lost (2): Alvin Franklin, G (20.5 ppg, 4.5 apg), Renaldo Thomas, G (9.1 ppg, 3.4 rpg, 3.7 apg).
Others Lost: Ramon Rivera, G, 6-5/Soph. (left school), Earl Small, F.
Starters Returning (3): Greg Anderson, F-C, 6-9/Sr. (19.1 ppg, 12.9 rpg, 2.7 bpg, 57.2 FG%), Gerry McGee, G, 6-1/Soph. (5 ppg, 4.4 apg); Rickie Winslow, F-C, 6-8/Sr. (15.6 ppg, 10.4 rpg, 1.9 apg).
Other Returnees: Stacey Beicher, F, 6-6/Sr. (2.1 ppg, 2.1 rpg), Tom Grant, F, 6-6/Jr. (returned from JC), Ricky Jackson, G, 6-0/Sr. (3.7 ppg, 3.1 apg), Perry Russell, C, 6-9, 240/Soph., Steve Smith, G, 6-7/Soph. (2.6 ppg).
Newcomers: Derek Blunden, G, 6-6/Jr. (JC), Jerome Brewer, G, 6-5/Jr. (Ball State, JC), Randy Brown, G, 6-2/Fr., Rolando Ferreira, C, 7-0, 240/Jr. (from Brazil), Darrell McArthur, G, 6-3/Fr.
1985-86 Record: 14-14 SWC, 8-8/6th.

1986-87 Schedule

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| St. Mary's Tex. | N28 | Texas Christian | J24 |
| Minnesota | D1 | Baylor | J26 |
| Kansas Classic | D5 | Texas | J28 |
| At New York State | D8 | At Texas Tech | J31 |
| New Orleans | D13 | Southwestern Louisiana | F3 |
| At West Texas State | D20 | Rice | F7 |
| Sugar Bowl Tour | D28 | At Arkansas | F11 |
| Texas Tech | J3 | At Baylor | F14 |
| Pan American | J5 | Texas A&M | F18 |
| At Rice | J10 | Southern Methodist | F22 |
| Arkansas | J17 | At Texas Christian | F25 |
| At Texas A&M | J19 | At Texas | F28 |
| At Southern Methodist | J21 | | |

Texas (Longhorns)

Coach: Bob Weltuch (47-68, 4 years)
Starters Lost (2): John Brownie, C (17 ppg, 6.2 rpg), Karl Wilcox, G (9.3 ppg, 4.7 apg, 54 FG%).
Others Lost: Ed Green, F (2.4 ppg), John Sykes, F, 6-7/Soph. (RS/grades).
Starters Returning (3): Alex Broadway, G, 6-11/Jr. (4.8 ppg, 2.5 rpg, 4.9 apg), Raynard Davis, F, 6-7/Sr. (8.3 ppg, 3.1 rpg), Patrick Laws, F, 6-5/Sr. (14.8 ppg, 5.1 rpg).
Other Returnees: Dennis Perryman, F, 6-5/Sr. (2.5 ppg), Wayne Thomas, G, 6-1/Jr. (2.8 ppg).
Newcomers: Romy Anderson, G, 6-2/Jr. (JC), David Cones, C, 6-10/Jr. (Washington State, JC), Travis Mays, G, 6-2/Fr., George Muller, C, 7-1/Fr.; Derrick Shelton, G, 6-11/Jr. (JC), Jerome Spinner, C, 6-9/Jr. (JC).
1985-86 Record: 19-12, SWC, 12-4/T1st.
Site: Austin, Tex.

1986-87 Schedule

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|--------------------------|-----|-----------------------|-----|
| Great Alaska Shootout | N28 | Southern Methodist | J17 |
| Central Missouri State | D3 | At Texas Christian | J19 |
| At New Mexico | D6 | Texas Tech | J24 |
| Northwestern (La.) State | D8 | At Houston | J28 |
| Oklahoma | D10 | At Rice | F1 |
| At Oral Roberts | D13 | Arkansas | F4 |
| Longhorn Classic | D19 | Baylor | F7 |
| JT Chattanooga | D22 | At Texas A&M | F11 |
| Sun Bowl Tour | D28 | At Southern Methodist | F14 |
| Rice | J3 | Texas Christian | F18 |
| At Arkansas | J8 | Ft. Worth* | F21 |
| At Baylor | J10 | At Texas Tech | F25 |
| Texas A&M | J13 | Houston | F28 |
| *McAlland's | | | |

Texas Tech (Red Raiders)

Coach: Gerald Myers (275-169, 16 years).
Starters Lost (3): Tony Benford, G (14.4 ppg, 3.7 rpg, 3.6 apg, 79.3 FT%); Tobin Doda, F (6 ppg, 2.7 rpg); Ray Irvin, C (7.1 ppg, 4.5 rpg, 78 FT%).
Starters Returning (2): Dewayne Chism, F, 6-7/Sr. (7.7 ppg, 4.3 rpg, 54.1 FG%), Sean Gay, G, 6-3/Soph. (10.2 ppg, 3.8 rpg, 1.7 apg, 52.3 FG%).
Other Returnees: Bryan Barriere, F, 6-8/Soph.; Mike Nelson, G, 6-2/Sr. (5.5 ppg), Wendell Owens, G, 6-1/Sr. (5.5 ppg); Tracy White, F, 6-6/Soph.; Kent Wojciechowski, C, 7-0, 255/Sr. (3.3 ppg).
Newcomers: Rodney Henderson, C, 7-0/Fr. (RS), Kenny Koller, F, 6-7/Fr. (RS), Wes Lowe, F, 6-10/Fr. (RS), Jerry Mason, G, 6-3/Fr.; Scott Whitlock, G, 6-6/Fr. (RS).
1985-86 Record: 17-14; SWC, 9-7/5th.
Site: Lubbock, Tex.

1986-87 Schedule

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| Fallerton State | N28 | At Texas A&M | J17 |
| At Kentucky | D2 | Southern Methodist | J19 |
| Kansas State | D4 | Texas Christian | J21 |
| At Clemson | D6 | At Texas | J24 |
| At Southwestern La. | D8 | Midwestern State (Tex.) | J27 |
| Wyoming | D11 | Houston | J31 |
| Seattle | D13 | At Rice | F4 |
| At Kansas | D20 | At Arkansas | F7 |
| Fiesta Bowl Tour | D27 | Baylor | F11 |
| At Houston | J3 | Texas A&M | F15 |
| Rice | J7 | At Southern Methodist | F18 |
| Arkansas | J10 | At Texas Christian | F21 |
| At Baylor | J14 | Texas | F25 |

10.4 rebounds per game last season, may be the best athlete in the SWC. Anderson had even better numbers, with a 19.1 scoring and a 12.9 rebounding average (No. 2 in the nation). If Foster has assembled the rest of the pieces—Stacey Belcher up front and Gerry McGee and Ricky Jackson in the backcourt as starters with Anderson and Winslow—Houston could make it a four-team race.

It was a three-team race in the SWC last year, and it seemed to end that way when TCU, Texas and Texas A&M tied for the regular-season title. But Texas Tech, which finished fifth, won the SWC Tournament and was the league's lone representative at the NCAA Tournament. A conference that had more co-champions than NCAA bids probably shouldn't brag about how much better it will be, but the coaches may have a point. If nothing else, almost every SWC team returns most of its starters.

"I think the league is going to be a whole lot better," second-year Baylor Coach Gene Iba said. "Five or six teams have a legitimate chance to win it. I don't like the eighth spot, but I don't know where else we fit in. TCU may have the best team in the history of the school, certainly in my recollection."

The Horned Frogs' only loss was 6-11, 255-pound center Greg Grissom. Coach Jim Killingsworth will replace Grissom with a newer, sleeker pivotman, 6-9 senior Tony Papa, who redshirted last year.

"Tony is a much better rebounder than Grissom and he's much more mobile," said Killingsworth, the SWC Coach of the Year. "He runs the court very well."

Joining Papa up front are returning starters Norman Anderson and team-leading rebounder Larry Richard. Senior Jamie Dixon, a zone-busting guard, could be the league's top three-point shooter off the bench.

But the best of the Horned Frogs are All-SWC guard Carl Lott and off-guard Carven Holcombe. Lott, a junior college transfer last year who became the best all-around player in the SWC, has been a center, forward and guard in his career. He has found a home at point guard.

"I don't think there's any question Carl is the best player in the conference," Killingsworth said. "He's a talented guy who does a lot of different things. I think he's a good pro prospect."

The pro prospects at SMU are a couple of years down the line. The Mustangs finished fourth in the SWC last year, but their youth showed great improvement over the course of the year.

Coach Dave Bliss lost All-SWC forward Kevin Lewis and point guard Butch Moore, who led the league in assists, but returning are guard Scott Johnson, 6-9 center Terry Williams, forward Terry Thomas and backup point guard Kato Armstrong, who was more effective than

Moore at the end of the season.

The backcourt appears set with Johnson and Armstrong, but a newcomer who swings between guard and forward could be a key addition to the Mustangs. Carlton McKinney, who transferred from Tulsa, is a top-notch shooter.

McKinney's old coach at Tulsa, Nolan Richardson, watched his first Arkansas team turn in the most disappointing season in the SWC. The Razorbacks were a consensus first-place preseason pick but finished seventh. Arkansas had the size, athletic ability and credentials.

They just didn't have the players, Richardson said. So he went out and got his own. The Razorbacks lost only one player, guard Scott Rose, through natural attrition. But forward Darryl Scott and guards Byron Irvin and Kevin Rehl transferred, forward Jay Crane quit and center Mike Carpenter gave up basketball for medical reasons. Forward William Mills, probably the best player on the team, and guard Kenny Hutchinson lost their scholarships when they tested positive on a drug test. They went through a drug rehabilitation program and will walk on this year.

Richardson began to fill the roster with his kind of players. He added 6-10 center Shawn Baker, a transfer from Oklahoma State, and highly touted freshmen Ron Huery, Phillip McKeller and Cannon Whitby, any of whom could start at guard. Returning starters Mike Ratliff and Allie Freeman will have to fend off their challenges.

Richardson was concerned with the Razorbacks' poor rebounding, so he will ask 6-11 Andrew Lang, the most physically talented center in the league, to rebound and play defense, not score. He'll get help from freshmen Mario Credit and Larry Marks.

Junior college transfers Tim Scott and Anthony Hurd and redshirt sophomore Keith Wilson, a talented guard who gained his academic eligibility, add to Arkansas' abundance of talent—on paper. Richardson just hopes that looks aren't deceiving.

"We were pretty much dead last in a lot of departments last year," Richardson said. "We were terrible from the field. We had to get some guys who can put it in the hole."

There was a question at one point last year whether Gerald Myers' players at Texas Tech could do that, even at close range. Twice his team lost games when players missed last-minute dunks. But the Red Raiders came back to win the league tournament, thanks to one of Myers' typical coaching jobs.

The Raiders have lost guard Tony Benford and two frontcourt starters, but Myers redshirted several players who should help, including 6-10 Wes Lowe and 7-foot Rodney Henderson. Texas Tech also returns one of the league's most ex-

citing players, sophomore guard Sean Gay, and Myers signed a guard who eventually may be even better, freshman Jerry Mason.

Forward Dewayne Chism should rank among the league's top rebounders, while guard Mike Nelson is a good outside shooter. Despite its youth, Texas Tech should have one of its best teams in recent years.

Like the Red Raiders, Texas will be guard-heavy. The Longhorns lost 6-10 center John Brownlee, the league's Most Valuable Player last year, and guard Karl Willock, a great defensive player and leader of the team.

Coach Bob Weltlich may go with a three-forward lineup of seniors Raynard Davis, Patrick Fairs and Dennis Perryman. The best of his recruits is guard Travis Mays, who should replace Willock and play alongside junior point man Alex Broadway.

Mays and Fairs will give Texas two of the best shooters in the conference, a plus with the new three-point shot.

"I'm pleased that the three-point play can be part of your offense and not a desperation-type thing," Weltlich said. "They can benefit from that."

Fairs, a junior college transfer, was one of the best players in the league last year. Texas A&M Coach Shelby Metcalf must have noticed because he leaned hard on junior college talent in recruiting.

Either of two transfers, 6-10 Jesse Spinner or 6-10 Jules Moor, will replace departed center Jimmie Gilbert. Metcalf said point guard Todd Holloway will be pushed by junior college standout Darryl McDonald.

Seniors Winston Crite and Mike Clifford return at forward. The Aggies' biggest problem will be getting over the loss of All-SWC guard Don Marbury, the top scorer and one-on-one player in the league.

The second-best one-on-one player in the league may have been Baylor's Carlos Briggs—if he had played. Iba kicked Briggs off the team last season for disciplinary reasons after the NCAA already had suspended him and six of his teammates for violations committed under former coach Jim Haller.

The Baylor team, which returns intact, was reduced to six players at one point. The NCAA allowed Iba to sign just two players, but he didn't need many because he has an emerging young team led by guard Michael Williams and center Darryl Middleton.

At 6-3, Rice forward Greg Hines may be playing out of position. Hines is a great leaper and outside shooter who averaged 16.7 points last season. But Coach Tommy Suits doesn't have much of a supporting cast for Hines, so the Owls should finish near the bottom again. ■

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Transition Time

New Coach Hopes To Keep Lamar On Lofty Perch

By TEDDY ALLEN

Tom Abatemarco. The name stirs thoughts of a pin-striped suit, a pencil-thin mustache, wavy black hair, patent-leather loafers and a table by the wine cart at Gino's.

Abatemarco is as Italian as pasta.

So what is an Abatemarco doing in Beaumont, Tex., the land of barbecue and "howdy" and 16-ounce T bone steaks, medium rare? Did this guy make a wrong turn in Joisey? What about it, youse guys?

The era of basketball with noodles and extra cheese has begun in the land of beef jerky. Abatemarco, 37, is the new coach at Lamar

Abatemarco arrives in cow country after having spent 11 seasons as an assistant coach, the last four at North Carolina State with Jim Valvano. He brings with him a reputation as a top salesman; at least one college basketball publication named him one of the top five assistants last year, based on recruiting ability. But when Pat Foster left to replace Houston's Guy Lewis after leading Lamar to six postseason berths in six seasons, Abatemarco decided he was ready to run his own program.

"Now it's my time," said Abatemarco, who served his apprenticeship at Maryland, St. John's, Virginia Tech, Iona and Davidson.

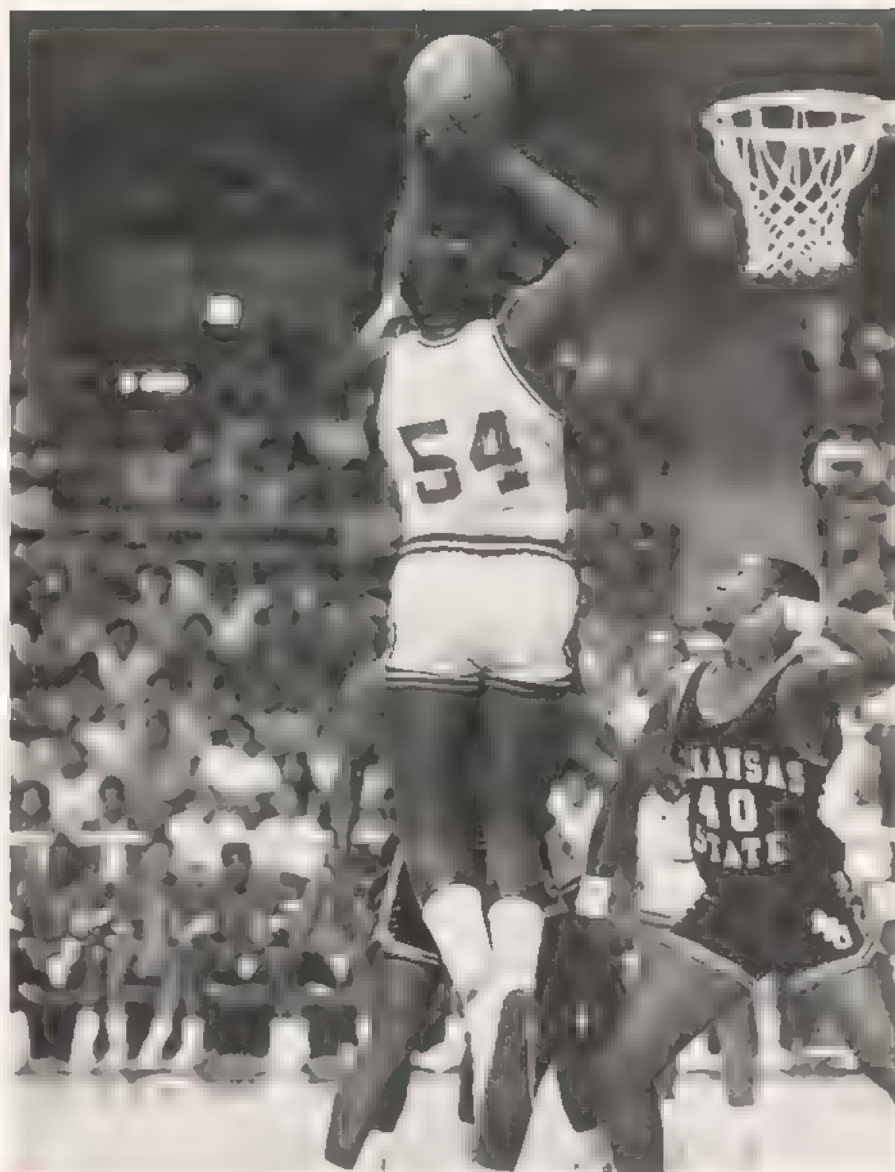
Abatemarco knows he is taking over a program that enjoyed tremendous success under his predecessor. Foster led the Cardinals to three Southland Conference titles, two NCAA Tournament berths and four National Invitation Tournament bids in six years. Five of his teams won at least 20 games as he compiled a 136-49 record.

By comparison, Abatemarco's coaching record matches that of another famous Italian, Father Guido Sarducci of "Saturday Night Live" fame. Both are 0-0.

So, Lamar has lost a coach who could get meaner than a Texas rattler and win games like Jim Reeves could sing ballads and has replaced him with a young New Yorker who parts his hair in the middle, talks fast, smiles a lot and has a coaching record of zilch.

Where does that leave Lamar?

Probably in good shape when the dust clears, despite Abatemarco's lack of experience as the main man. For one thing, he has surrounded himself with good people. He and his chief assistants, Tony Branch and Dave Harshman, all have Final Four experience as either a player or an assis-



James Gulley, returning after an injury-plagued 1985-86 season, is expected to perform big feats for Lamar.

tant.

"If you cut my head open, you're not going to see X's and O's," Abatemarco said. But what you will see are memories of six trips to the NCAA Tournament, including a Final Four appearance by N.C. State in 1983 that resulted in a national championship. And you'll find impressions left by his association with Valvano (at both N.C. State and Iona), Lou Carnesecca and Lefty Driesell. Despite being on the recruiting trail much of the time, he missed just half a game during his tenure as an assistant.

"Don't you think I'd learn something sitting on the bench with those guys?" Abatemarco said. "Unless you're a complete nitwit, you've got to learn something."

Abatemarco said he learned something different from each of these big-name

coaches. Driesell taught him organization, he said, while Carnesecca was the best practice coach and Valvano was brilliant in game situations. If nothing else, Abatemarco should be good because of the company he has kept.

"I don't think there's any question I'll win here," he said. "This program has always won, and I think I've learned something along the way. The biggest adjustment is coming in here and finding out exactly what our players can do. Then with hard work and determination and willingness to win, we will win."

Abatemarco has something else going for him: The guys hanging around in Cardinal jerseys can play some ball.

Abatemarco has one full-grown young man in James Gulley, a 6-foot-8, 265-pound junior center who suffered a ruptured disc last year and missed nine games as the

Arkansas State (Indians)

Coach: Nelson Catalina (32-25, 2 years)
Starters Lost (2): Tim Norman, G (9.7 ppg, Mike Todd, F (8.7 ppg, 6.1 rpg, 60.3 FG%)
Starters Returning (3): Reggie Gordon, F-C, 6-6/Sr (12.5 ppg, 5.9 rpg, 50 FG%, 83 FT%); Brad Goshien, G-F, 6-4/Sr (12.1 ppg, 3.8 rpg); Alan Smith, F, 6-6/Jr (6.9 ppg, 3.7 rpg, 60.9 FG%)
Other Returnees: Carl Archer, G, 6-2/Soph. (2.9 ppg, 3.4 rpg); Chuck Cochran, C, 6-9/Sr; David Lewis, G, 6-0/Sr; Baker Mosley, F, 6-8/Soph.; John Tate, F-C, 6-7/Soph. (7.3 ppg, 4.8 rpg, 62.2 FG%); Steve Wiedower, G, 6-0/Sr (8.5 ppg, 88.5 FT%)
Newcomers: Jewell Burton, F, 6-6/Fr; Bobby Collins, G-F, 6-4/Fr.; Raymond Cooper, G, 6-2/Fr.; Brian Johnson, G-F, 6-4/Soph. (transfer/Northwestern (La.) State); Ed Loudon, G, 6-4/Jr. (JC); Greg Williams, C, 6-9-260/Fr (RS)
1985-86 Record: 18-11; Southland: 7-5/3rd Site: Jonesboro, Ark

1986-87 Schedule

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|-------------------------|-----|-------------------------|-----|
| Hawaiian Airlines Inv | N28 | At McNeese State | J22 |
| At Louisiana State | D4 | At Lamar | J24 |
| At Southern Mississippi | D8 | North Texas State | J29 |
| Runt 'n' Joe Classic | D12 | Pan American | J31 |
| East Texas Baptist | D18 | Florida International | F2 |
| At Memphis State | D20 | At North Texas State | F5 |
| At Jackson State | D29 | Tennessee Tech | F7 |
| Southern Invitational | J2 | At Northeast Louisiana | F12 |
| Sacramento State | J5 | At Louisiana Tech | F14 |
| Jackson State | J8 | Lamar | F19 |
| At Tennessee State | J10 | McNeese State | F21 |
| Northeast Louisiana | J15 | At Southern Mississippi | F23 |
| Louisiana Tech | J17 | At Pan American | F26 |

Bold face denotes conference-leading totals.

McNeese State (Cowboys)

Coach: Glenn Duhon (141-12, 8 years)
Starters Lost (2): Gerald Harmon, G (4.7 ppg, 8.1 apg) Kenny Jamerson, F (16.1 ppg, 80 FT%)
Others Lost: Mike Marshall, G (11.7 ppg, 2.1 rpg)
Starters Returning (3): Jerome Baiste, F, 6-9/Sr (18.7 ppg, 8.7 rpg, 60.4 FG%); Ronald Cox, F, 6-5/Sr (4.8 ppg, 5 rpg); Anthony Pullard, C, 6-9/Soph. (6.7 ppg, 4.1 rpg, 81.1 FT% academically ineligible until second semester)
Other Returnees: James Cain, G, 6-1/Soph. (RS); Michael Cuiright, G, 6-3/Soph. (8.3 ppg, 3.1 rpg); Keith Koley, F, 6-4/Jr.; Brad McCann, F, 6-5/Soph. Dave Swan, G, 6-3/Soph. (2.1 ppg)
Newcomers: Steve Martin, G, 6-1/Jr. (JC); Milton Simmons, C, 6-8/Jr. (JC); Ronald Sykes, G, 6-2/Jr. (returned from JC); Mark Thompson, C, 6-9/Fr.; Kevin Williams, F, 6-7/Jr. (JC)
1985-86 Record: 21-11, SLC: 8-4/2nd Site: Lake Charles, La.

1986-87 Schedule

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| Sun Mei Tournament | N28 | Arkansas State | J22 |
| At Pepperdine | D1 | Southern Mississippi | J26 |
| At Houston Baptist | D4 | Northeast Louisiana | J29 |
| Louisiana State | D6 | Louisiana Tech | J31 |
| Centennial College | D13 | At New Orleans | F2 |
| At Middle Tennessee | D15 | At Northeast Louisiana | F5 |
| St. Mary's (Tex.) | D30 | At Louisiana Tech | F7 |
| Chadron State* | J2 | At Northwestern State | F11 |
| At Oklahoma | J3 | North Texas State | F14 |
| At Lamar | J10 | New Orleans | F19 |
| Chicago State | J12 | At Arkansas State | F21 |
| Northwestern (La.) State | J14 | Lamar | F26 |
| At North Texas State | J17 | At Pan American | F28 |

*Norman, Okla.

Lamar (Cardinals)

Coach: Tom Abatemarco (first year at Lamar)
Starters Lost (2): Greg Anderson, F (12 ppg, 6.3 rpg, 65.5 FG%); Anthony Todd, F, 6-9/Sr. (15.4 ppg, 6.8 rpg, 62.7 FG% transfer/UNLV)
Others Lost: Eduardo Drennick, F (2.9 ppg, 2.6 rpg, transfer/JC); Danny Gauthier, G (5.5 ppg, left school)
Starters Returning (3): James Gulley, C, 6-8-255/Jr. (12.9 ppg, 5.7 rpg); James Nance, G, 6-2/Sr (12.6 ppg, 2.6 rpg, 3 apg); Shannon Nero, G, 6-4/Jr (4.2 ppg, 2.8 rpg, 3.3 apg)
Other Returnees: Dwayne Brown, G, 6-4/Sr (5.6 ppg); Tony Harris, G, 6-3/Soph. (4 ppg); Ed Manuel, F, 6-8/Sr. (2.5 ppg); Karl McCauley, G, 6-4/Jr (5.5 ppg in four games before RS/enkle); Jules Wells, F, 6-6/Jr.
Newcomers: David Jones, G, 6-0/Fr.; Kevin Newman, C, 6-10, 243/Jr. (JC)
1985-86 Record: 18-12, Southland: 8-6/T4th Site: Decatur, Tex.

1986-87 Schedule

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|------------------------|-----|------------------------|-----|
| St. Mary's (Tex.) | N29 | Hoffman | J17 |
| Texas Christian | D1 | At Pan American | J20 |
| Georgia College | D5 | Southwestern Louisiana | J22 |
| At Oregon | D9 | Arkansas State | J24 |
| At Kentucky | D14 | Louisiana Tech | J29 |
| California Riverside | D17 | Northeast Louisiana | J31 |
| Texas A. Paso | D22 | At Louisiana Tech | F5 |
| Cowboy Shootout | D27 | At Northeast Louisiana | F7 |
| Morgan State | J3 | North Texas State | F12 |
| Northwestern La. State | J6 | At Arkansas State | F19 |
| McNeese State | J10 | At Southwestern La | F21 |
| At New Orleans | J12 | At McNeese State | F26 |
| At North Texas State | J15 | New Orleans | F28 |

Louisiana Tech (Bulldogs)

Coach: Tommy Joe Eagles (20-14, 1 year)
Starters Lost (2): Willie Banno, F (12.2 ppg, 6.7 rpg); Wayne Smith, G (19.6 ppg, 2.9 rpg, 6.4 apg)
Others Lost: Patrick Barton, G, 6-3/Fr. (transfer/Navarro JC); David Jordan, C (2.9 ppg)
Starters Returning (3): Louis Cook, F-C, 6-8/Sr (8.7 ppg, 4.1 rpg, 63.3 FT%); Robert Godbolt, F, 6-5/Sr (13.6 ppg, 6.1 rpg, 53.4 FG%); Randy White, C, 6-8/Soph. (9.2 ppg, 4.6 rpg, 52 FG%)
Other Returnees: Darryl Emerson, G, 6-4/Jr. (7.7 ppg); Maurice Jackson, G-F, 6-8/Sr. (3.9 ppg); Kelvin Lewis, G, 6-2/Jr.; Robert McAlister, C, 6-9/Soph. (RS/knee); Byron Newton, G-F, 6-4/Soph.
Newcomers: Eldon Bowman, F, 6-7/Fr.; Dickie Crawford, G, 6-5/Fr. (RS); Brett Guillory, G, 6-1/Fr.; Henry James, F, 6-8/Jr. (JC); Vernon Norris, F, 6-6/Fr. (RS)
1985-86 Record: 20-14, SLC: 6-6/T4th Site: Ruston, La.

1986-87 Schedule

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|------------------------|-----|----------------------|-----|
| Arkansas* | N29 | At Arkansas State | J17 |
| Colorado (Tex.) | D1 | North Texas State | J22 |
| At Tennessee | D3 | At New Orleans | J24 |
| At Stephen F. Austin | D6 | At Lamar | J29 |
| Georgia College | D8 | At McNeese State | J31 |
| South Alabama | D13 | Lamar | F5 |
| Rubel Round Up | D19 | McNeese State | F7 |
| At Weber State | D23 | New Orleans | F12 |
| Far West Classic | D26 | Arkansas State | F14 |
| Stephen F. Austin | J8 | At Southwestern La | F16 |
| At Northeast Louisiana | J10 | At North Texas State | F21 |
| Southwestern Louisiana | J12 | Northeast Louisiana | F26 |

*Little Rock, Ark.

Northeast Louisiana (Indians)

Coach: Mike Vining (87-59, 5 years)
Starters Lost (4): Arthur Hayes, G (11.1 ppg, 3.4 rpg); Elgin James, G (13 ppg); Bobby Jenkins, F (19.4 ppg, 8.1 rpg); Gerald Phillips, C (3.6 ppg, 4 rpg, 1.2 bpg)
Starters Returning (1): Sean Paultray, G-F, 6-3/Jr (9.7 ppg, 5.2 rpg, 56.1 FG%, academically ineligible until second semester)
Other Returnees: Bryan Robbs, F-C, 6-8/Soph.; Michael Sautsberry, C, 6-8/Jr. (RS Arch. left school); Brian Spencer, G, 6-1/Jr. (4.3 ppg); Morris Spencer, F, 6-5/Sr. (4.6 ppg); Kevin Toms, G-F, 6-6/Soph. (HS); Handy Vining, G, 6-1/Sr.
Newcomers: Jeff Byrd, C, 6-9/Fr. (RS); Kelvin Collins, G, 6-3/Soph. (transfer/Texas); Phillip Craig, C, 6-9/Fr.; Eddie Holfield, G, 6-1/Jr. (JC); Victor Lee, F, 6-6/Fr.; Vincent Lee, F, 6-6/Fr.; Myron Lilley, G-F, 6-4/Soph. (transfer/Texas)
1985-86 Record: 20-10, SLC: 9-3/1st

1986-87 Schedule

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|-----------------------------|-----|------------------------|-----|
| Alabama | N28 | Texas A&M | J22 |
| At Southern Mississippi | D1 | North Texas State | J24 |
| Mississippi College | D4 | At McNeese State | J29 |
| Nicholls State | D6 | At Lamar | J31 |
| San Francisco State | D8 | McNeese State | F5 |
| Northwestern La. State | D13 | Lamar | F7 |
| At Southwest Missouri | D18 | At Nicholls State | F9 |
| At Montana State | D20 | Arkansas State | F12 |
| Wild Park Classic | D29 | Southwestern Louisiana | F14 |
| At Southwest Texas State | J3 | At Texas A&M | F17 |
| At San Houston State | J5 | At North Texas State | F19 |
| Louisiana Tech | J10 | Southern Arkansas | F21 |
| At Arkansas State | J15 | At Louisiana Tech | F26 |
| At Northwestern (La.) State | J17 | | |

North Texas State (Eagles)

Coach: Jimmy Gales (first year at North Texas State)
Starters Lost (3): Larry Banks, F (8.2 ppg, 3.9 rpg); Vincent Greene, G (6.6 ppg, 3.2 rpg); Paul Meyer, C (9.7 ppg, 6.3 rpg)
Others Lost: Andre Boutte, G (4.3 ppg, 3.2 rpg)
Starters Returning (2): Kanan DeBose, F, 6-6/Sr (14 ppg, 6.8 rpg, 60.6 FG%); Glenroy Ferguson, G, 6-5/Sr. (10.8 ppg, 3.6 rpg)
Other Returnees: Deon Alexander, G, 5-11/Sr (5.6 ppg, 4.1 rpg); Billy Carmack, G, 6-4/Sr (2.9 ppg, 2.3 rpg); Floyd Singleton, G, 6-1/Sr (3.7 ppg); William Smith, G, 6-2/Soph.; Tony Worrell, F, 6-7/Jr. (8.3 ppg, 3.4 rpg)
Newcomers: Brian Boney, F-C, 6-10, 245/Fr.; Deon Hunter, G, 5-10/Soph. (JC); Eugene Jamison, F-C, 6-8/Jr. (JC)
1985-86 Record: 10-18, SLC: 4-8/6th Site: Denton, Tex.

1986-87 Schedule

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|-------------------------|-----|------------------------|-----|
| Southwestern (Tex.) | N29 | McNeese State | J17 |
| At Texas Christian | D3 | At Louisiana Tech | J22 |
| Mississippi College | D6 | At Northeast Louisiana | J24 |
| Camden (Okla.) | D8 | At Arkansas State | J29 |
| At Baylor | D10 | At Southwestern La | J31 |
| Calvary State | D13 | Arkansas State | F5 |
| At Southern Mississippi | D20 | At Texas A&M | F7 |
| Utah Classic | D22 | At Lamar | F12 |
| Wolf Pack Classic | D29 | At McNeese State | F14 |
| Ark-La-Tex* | J3 | Northeast Louisiana | F19 |
| Arkansas* | J5 | Louisiana Tech | F21 |
| Lamar | J15 | Southwestern (Kan.) | F25 |
| *Little Rock, Ark. | | Texas-Arlington | F28 |

Cards went 18-12. Gulley, the league's Newcomer of the Year as a freshman, has had trouble fighting the weight and the injury.

Also back from the casualty list is guard Karl McCauley, who was redshirted last season after breaking his ankle. He will compete for playing time in the backcourt with returning starters James Nance and Shannon Nero, who should find new freedom in Abatemarco's run-and-press plans.

Abatemarco can pick from plenty of guards, but his options at forward are more limited. Senior Ed Manuel, a five-game starter a year ago, could get the nod at one spot.

"Right now, I'd have to say we'd start two assistants, two walk-ons and me," Abatemarco said.

Dreams die hard and bad memories don't fade easily at Arkansas State. Last season the Indians went 18-11, finished third in the league and beat fourth-place Louisiana Tech twice during the regular season, then were ignored for postseason play. Louisiana Tech, on the other hand, was invited to the National Invitation Tournament, where the Bulldogs finished third.

"When we didn't get invited to the NIT, that was the biggest blow," Coach Nelson Catalina said. "We plan to amend that problem this season. I can assure you our players haven't forgotten they were left out."

Catalina has three starters back from last year's team, which was not expected to do much but turned in the school's second-winningest season ever. He expects more of the same this winter.

"We have the ability to win a lot of games this year," he said, "and I think you have to list us as a legitimate contender in the Southland Conference. Our expectations around here are pretty high."

Two reasons for that are team-leading scorer Reggie Gordon, who swings between forward and center, and guard Brad Goshien, who sometimes plays forward. Both are dependable shooters, while the other returning regular, forward Alan Smith, is a defensive whiz.

Carl Archer and Steve Wiedower will be visible in the backcourt, while sophomore forward-center John Tate will be expected to increase his offensive production. Catalina also will find room for guard Ed Loudon, a highly rated junior college recruit.

"Somebody said we have an offense of equal opportunity," Catalina said. "I don't think you'll be able to stop Arkansas State by stopping just one player. Sure, we'd rather certain people shoot the ball than others, but we should be able to score without always going to one cowbell."

With two NCAA appearances and one NIT showing in its wake, Louisiana Tech



Forward Robert Godbolt returns to key Louisiana Tech's drive toward another postseason tournament bid.

also should contend. Three starters are back from a team that finished 20-14, including four wins in five NIT games, and the addition of three redshirts and a good recruiting class could make the Bulldogs even better.

The Bulldogs, however, need a point guard like Johany Cash needs another hit tune—not desperately, but it sure would increase their stock. Gone is Wayne Smith, the league's No. 2 assists man last winter and a four-year starter. One possible successor is Patrick Batton, a prep All-America who sat out last year with academic troubles and still isn't out of the classroom woods. If Batton can't play, junior Kelvin Lewis, who is not an offensive threat, will likely start.

Coach Tommy Joe Eagles' best player is forward Robert Godbolt, a top-notch scorer and rebounder. With center Randy White and forward-center Louis Cook, the

Bulldogs' entire front line returns intact. Senior swingman Maurice Jackson earned the job at shooting guard with a brilliant late-season performance.

The key to the team may be White, a 6-8 sophomore who has shown that he can dominate the middle. How quickly he does so regularly could make the difference for the Bulldogs this year.

All-SLC forward Jerome Batiste of McNeese State is everyone's preseason choice for Player of the Year, and deservedly so: He is capable of dominating any SLC team on any given night. He'll have to this season because much of the Cowboys' scoring punch is gone.

Forward Kenny Jimerson, who averaged 16.1 points per game as a senior, and guard Girard Harmon, who paced the league in assists, completed their eligibility. In addition, center Anthony Pullard, who played regularly last year as a fresh-

man, is not likely to return after enrolling at a Southern California junior college over the summer.

Still, McNeese State should be tough with Batiste, the league's leading rebounder (8.7 average) and No. 2 scorer (18.7) last season. Coach Glenn Duhon also can call on fearless sophomore guard Michael Cutright and forward Ronald Cox, a good defender and rebounder.

The Cowboys will have the advantage of playing and practicing in 8,000-seat Burton Coliseum instead of the Lake Charles Civic Center, which it was allowed to visit only on game days. It should be packed when Louisiana State visits in the Cowboys' home opener.

Northeast Louisiana won the league title last year, but the four seniors who made it happen—including SLC Most Valuable Player Bobby Jenkins and All-SLC guard Elgin James—are history. The other starter, Sean Paulfrey, is academically ineligible until second semester, and the only thing keeping the Indians from starting over at square one is center Michael Saulsberry.

As a freshman in 1985, Saulsberry averaged 13.9 points, including 24 in one game against Louisiana Tech's Karl Malone, who now plays for the Utah Jazz. Expected to be one of Coach Mike Vining's best players, Saulsberry suffered an Achilles tendon injury in the season opener last year but is expected to be back at full strength.

Unfortunately, most of the experience that surrounded him is gone, opening the door for such recruits as forwards Victor and Vincent Lee to contribute right away. The Lees are twin brothers, while brothers Morris and Brian Spencer should move into the starting five.

"There's always the point in a game where it comes the time to make the big play and either win it or lose it," Vining said. "The problem with inexperience is that the players don't realize that time even exists. That leads to the second problem: If you don't recognize it, it's hard to do something about it to win the game."

To repeat as champs would be a surprise, but so was last year's success without Saulsberry.

Jimmy Gales, a former North Texas State assistant and a highly successful prep coach in Dallas for many years, has moved back to Denton. Gales and his up-tempo personality will try to turn around a Mean Green program that has been lean of late.

The Eagles have returning the New-comer of the Year in forward Keenan DeBose, who led the team in scoring and rebounding last season after transferring from Arkansas. Forward Tony Worrell and guard Deon Alexander will provide DeBose's primary support. ■

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Grambling Has the Firepower To Dent Alcorn State's Armor

By DON HUDSON

For years, Davey Whitney's name has been synonymous with Alcorn State basketball—and both have long commanded respect around the Southwestern Athletic Conference.

In Whitney's 17 years as the Braves' coach, Alcorn has won or shared nine conference championships—including seven of the last eight—and six SWAC Tournament titles. In addition, Whitney has taken teams to the NCAA Tournament or the National Invitation Tournament six times since 1979.

That success, however, could come to a halt in 1986-87—and Whitney knows it.

"Talent-wise, Grambling is ahead of us all," said Whitney, whose Braves shared the regular-season title with Southern (La.) last season. "There's no doubt in my mind they will be the favorite."

The starting lineup from Grambling State's 14-12 team returns intact.

"I inherited some of the best individual talent in the conference," said Tigers Coach Bob Hopkins, who spent the last two years at Southern but returned to his alma mater when Fred Hobdy retired. "Coach Hobdy has probably the youngest team, but the most talented, in the league."

The best example of that is Charles Price. The sophomore forward was named the SWAC Freshman of the Year last season after averaging 18 points and 8.9 rebounds per game.

Price is flanked up front by a pair of sophomores, forward Terrell Wesley (14.7 scoring average) and 6-foot-11 center Michael Godfrey. Junior forward Reuben Charles and sophomore guards Clarence Tanner and Rene Davis all have plenty of starting experience.

Alcorn State, which went 16-13 last season, lost All-SWAC center David Palmer and point guard Davey Whitney Jr., the coach's son, to graduation. With only two starters back, the Braves could be in for an uncharacteristically tough season.

"We have quality forwards—as much quality at the position as anybody," Whitney said. "But we'll still be a young ball club."

The Braves' returning regulars are forwards Michael Rogers and Bonner Upshaw III. Whitney said he expects freshman Larry Smith to step into the point guard slot vacated by his son.

"Larry will be all-conference by his sophomore season," Whitney said.

Whitney also expects additional help from a trio of transfers—6-9 center Victor Morris (Georgetown), guard Darren Davenport (Northern Kentucky) and guard Doug Carter (Wisconsin-Green Bay).

Mississippi Valley State was the surprise of the conference tournament last season, knocking off Alcorn at the buzzer and then handing Prairie View A&M a 75-



Lester Fonville, a 7-foot-2, 245-pound center (above), will be playing for first-year Coach John Prince at Jackson State this year.

58 loss in the championship game. That earned the Delta Devils a ticket to the NCAA Tournament, where top-ranked Duke managed a seven-point victory.

Coach Lafayette Stribling lost three starters from that 20-11 team, including Los Angeles Lakers draft pick Mark Coleman. But returning for Stribling is the league's top guard, senior George Ivory, who led his team in scoring (15.8 average) while dishing out 151 assists.

Slender junior Carl Curry, a 6-7, 170-pound center last year, will move to forward. Such newcomers as freshman forward Matthew Mays and guard James Coleman, a junior college transfer, will be pressed into service quickly.

Alabama State (11-17) has 80 percent of its starting lineup back. But the one-fifth missing is swingman Frank Sillmon, who averaged 20.1 points and was named the SWAC Player of the Year last season.

Guards Terry Ware and Terry Brooks could be dangerous from three-point range, while forwards Jesse Gilbert and Gerald Smith give Coach James Oliver

front-line experience.

At Southern (19-8), Hopkins was replaced by Ben Jobe, formerly Alabama A&M's coach. The loss of four starters will make it difficult for Jobe to direct the Jaguars to another league title. Southern's top returnee is senior forward Kevin (Ice) Florent.

John Prince, a former Alabama-Birmingham assistant who replaced Paul Covington as coach at Jackson State, is pleased to inherit All-SWAC forward Jeff Hart, who led the league with a 20.8 scoring average last season. The Tigers also return 7-2, 245-pound center Lester Fonville and forward Steve Watley.

Prairie View A&M (5-25) had won only three games entering the SWAC Tournament but wound up playing for the championship. Though guard Reginald Jones and 10 other lettermen return from that team, Coach Jim Duplantier's Panthers should revert to their losing ways.

Forward Gary Robinson (16.1 points) is

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one of Coach Robert Moreland's three returning starters at Texas Southern (9-18). The Tigers also welcome back forward-center Melvin Stewart, who led the league in rebounding (10 per game). ■

Northwestern State Is Gulf Star Favorite

By ED CASSIERE

Unless the Gulf Star Conference comes up with some new members, this year probably will be the last for this young league.

Defending Gulf Star champion Sam Houston State is one of three league members—the others are Southwest Texas State and Stephen F. Austin State—that have announced they will join the Southland Conference next season. The Gulf Star, which lost the Texas half of its membership in one fell swoop, has yet to announce any new members. The remaining teams—Southeastern Louisiana, Nicholls State (La.) and Northwestern (La.) State—probably will become independents.

Northwestern State appears to be the favorite to win what could be the last Gulf Star championship. That would be quite an achievement for the Demons, who improved from 3-25 in 1985 to 11-16 in Coach Don Beasley's first season.

The Demons return four starters, including guard Victor Willis, the team's leading scorer with 15.6 points per game, and forward-center George Jones, who connected on 62.8 percent of his field-goal attempts to rank seventh in Division I.

Forward Gerald Bush and guard Freeman Williams also return. On hand to provide competition for the final starting job are several promising newcomers, including junior college transfer Terrence Rayford at forward and Georgia transfer Johnny Smith at center.

Northwestern's non-conference schedule will be softer than last season, when the Demons opened on the road against Kentucky, Alabama and Southern Methodist. The Demons are a much better team now than they were a year ago.

"We made a most remarkable improvement from the first day of practice to the last game," Beasley said.

Sam Houston, which went 27-6 and competed in the Division II playoffs last season, will move up to Division I with first-year Coach Steve Tucker, a former Bearkat assistant. But a much tougher schedule and the loss of two All-Gulf Star performers, forward Bruce Allen and guard Lorenzo Duncan, could make it difficult for the Bearkats to repeat their success. The best of the Bearkats' returnees is forward Doug DeVore.

Also graduating to Division I is Stephen F. Austin, which returns forward Kevin



Joe Yezbak returns for his senior season after averaging 27 points for high-scoring U.S. International.

Hurley (14.3 points, 7.2 rebounds) among three starters. Coach Harry Miller's Lumberjacks went 22-5 last season and 9-3 against Division I teams, including victories at Louisiana Tech and Oklahoma State.

Southeastern Louisiana (10-18) returns four starters, including center Bill Dukes and swingman Eric Fortenberry, the Gulf Star Freshman of the Year. Point guard Carlos Burroughs, a junior college recruit, could answer Coach Newton Chelette's need for a replacement for Robert Cousin, the Lions' all-conference guard.

Only two starters are back at Nicholls State (8-16). Coach Gordon Stauffer will count on seniors Craig Ferguson and Henry Casey to provide leadership, although junior forward Ron Smith and sophomore guard Durwin Jackson are the Colonels' best players.

Southwest Texas State (6-22) will rebuild under first-year Coach Harry Larrabee, who left Alaska-Anchorage to take the Bobcats' coaching job. Guard Donald Harvey, forward Patrick Williams and forward-center Ray Danielak will lead the Bobcats, who have posted two straight six-victory seasons. ■

West Independents

The new three-point field goal will affect each team differently, but the Pan American (Tex.) player who figures to benefit the most is the least likely athlete on the court: 6-foot-9, 300-pound center Junior Ray.

Ray, a good rebounder who fills lots of

space in the middle, is deadly from the perimeter. He sank 52 percent of his field-goal attempts a year ago, including many from long range. First-year Coach Kevin Wall has Ray, the team's sixth man last season, and four returning starters to form a strong nucleus. The Broncs (20-8) have as much depth as Ray has width, so they should turn in another winning season.

Eastern Washington also went 20-8 last year, but the Eagles were decimated by graduation and will be hard-pressed to repeat that success. Coach Joe Folda has a large recruiting class, including five junior college transfers, to position around junior guard Dexter Griffen.

Texas-Arlington (12-18) will be playing its first season as an independent after dropping out of the Southland Conference. The Mavericks will be led by their top three scorers from last year—forwards Ike Mitchell and Creason Hay and guard Danny Wojciak. Coach Bob LeGrand's son, Bobby, should make use of the three-point shot.

Led by guard Joe Yezbak's 27 points per game, U.S. International averaged 90.8 points, tops in Division I last year. Though the Gulls went 8-20 in Coach Gary Zarecky's first season, that was a significant improvement over their 1-27 mark the year before. With Yezbak returning for his senior season, additional improvement is possible. ■

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The Miracle Worker

Can Lute Olson's Wildcats Repeat 1985-86 Surprise?

By NICK PETERS

After working wonders with basketball programs at Long Beach State, Iowa and, most recently, Arizona, Lute Olson should be presented an honorary M.A. (Miraculous Achievements) degree. Especially for his accomplishments last season.

Three years ago, Olson inherited a Wildcat squad coming off a four-victory season and made it instantly respectable (11-17). The Wildcats improved to 21-10 a year later, and last year the Wildcats earned their first-ever Pacific-10 Conference title after being picked to finish eighth by the media and coaches.

As an encore, Olson guided a young and unheralded U.S. squad—minus two injured players—to a World Championships final victory over the favored Soviet Union in Spain last summer.

The time is ripe for another miracle in Tucson. Not only will the champion Wildcats be unable to sneak up on anyone, but they'll also be attempting to repeat without their steady player, All-Pac-10 guard Steve Kerr.

The sharpshooting Kerr, who made 54 percent of his field goals last season and stood to benefit immensely from the three-point rule adopted by the NCAA, suffered severe ligament damage in his knee against Brazil in the World Championships semifinal. He will be redshirted.

"Without Kerr, Arizona isn't a Top 15 team, but they're still the team to beat in our conference," said George Raveling, who left Iowa to take over for Stan Morrison at Southern California this year.

Washington Coach Andy Russo agreed. "Arizona's chances aren't as good without Kerr," he said, "but we all picked Lute to finish eighth last year and he won it, so how can we minimize his chances?"

Even UCLA Coach Walt Hazzard, who credits opponents grudgingly, concurred. "I like Arizona's chances," he said, "because of Lute's skill and resourcefulness as a coach. He finds a way to win."

Indeed, the respect Olson commands as a miracle worker and the presence of junior guard Craig McMillan and agile sophomore forwards Sean Elliott and Anthony Cook make the Wildcats the team to beat. After all, Arizona was the league's only 20-game winner (23-9), including two-game sweeps over Washington, California and UCLA, the three schools immediately behind the Wildcats in the standings.

Olson has an excellent replacement for



The towering presence of center Chris Welp makes Washington a Pacific-10 Conference contender.

Kerr at the point in McMillan, who had only four fewer assists than Kerr a year ago. In addition, Elliott could switch to the backcourt if some new big men warrant a start up front. What Arizona will miss most about Kerr, however, is his savvy and leadership. He made only 18 turnovers in 18 Pac-10 games last season.

"Kerr makes a tremendous difference because he was our best three-point shooter and our best inside passer," Olson said. "He's at the heart of any team he's on."

If Elliott, the league's co-Freshman of the Year, doesn't leave his forward spot, Olson will choose among sophomores Ken Lofton and Eric Cooper and freshman Harvey Mason as a backcourt mate for McMillan.

Veteran Joe Turner might have the best shot at replacing John Edgar at center. Olson also is high on 6-9 redshirt freshman Brian David and 6-9 junior college transfer Tom Tolbert.

Though Arizona is the coaches' pick to

win the Pac-10 title this year, many observers gave the nod to Cal when Kerr went down. UCLA and Washington also should contend, with all four teams good bets to land NCAA Tournament berths.

That would be a big first step toward a Pac-10 revival, which is long overdue. Pac-10 teams have won only five of their last 20 NCAA Tournament games, and more than two teams have represented the league at the NCAA Tournament only once in the last five years.

The job Lou Campanelli did at Cal last year is one reason why the Pac-10 should resume its standing among the best leagues in the nation this winter. In his first season in Berkeley, Campanelli directed the Golden Bears to a 19-10 record, their finest in 26 years, and a National Invitation Tournament berth.

Cal returns all five starters, including Kevin Johnson, who blossomed into one of the nation's finest point guards as a junior last year. The all-conference pick starred in the United States' Jones Cup tournament victory in Taiwan last summer and is a great all-around athlete, as evidenced by his selection by the Oakland A's in the amateur baseball draft last June.

Johnson will be flanked by fellow guard Chris Washington, forward-center Dave Butler and forwards Leonard Taylor and Jeff Huling. Butler was on Olson's U.S. squad but had to return home with an inflamed arch.

Highly touted freshman guards Bryant Walton and Keith Smith will be given plenty of playing time in anticipation of their succession to the starting backcourt jobs after Johnson and Washington leave. Another newcomer, 6-10 redshirt freshman Bart Koenitzer, may be good enough to give Butler more work outside, where he thrives as a jump shooter.

"I consider Cal the team to beat," Olson said. "They have Butler, the big guy in the middle (Taylor) and those great guards. They also play at Harmon Arena, which has become very tough for opponents. They'll be very strong."

Besides its returning talent, Cal's biggest weapon is its confidence. The fiery Campanelli showed the Bears how to win. They gained momentum by beating UCLA for the first time since 1961 and finished strong.

"We've got a shot," Campanelli said. "We haven't got a tested big man, but we can still get the job done because not many other teams have them, either. If Butler's injury isn't serious, we'll be very competitive... We want to take it a step farther than last year."

UCLA struggled to a 15-14 record and a 9-9 conference finish, but the Bruins are confident that freshmen Greg Foster (6-10), Kevin Walker (6-11) and Trevor Wilson (6-8) will fortify their weak frontcourt.

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Arizona (Wildcats)

Coach: Lute Olson (55 36 3 years)

Starters Lost (2): John Edgar, C (11 1 ppg, 7 3 rpg), Steve Kerr, G 6-4/Sr (14 4 ppg, 3 2 rpg, 4 2 apg, 54 FG%, 89 9 FT%, RS/knee)

Others Lost: David Haskin, F

Starters Returning (3): Anthony Cook, F 6-8/Soph (16 1 ppg, 4 3 rpg, 1 8 bpg), Sean Elliott, F 6-8/Soph (15 6 ppg, 5 3 rpg), Craig McMillan, G 6-6/Jr (11 8 ppg, 4 1 apg, 82 3 FT%)

Other Returnees: Eric Cooper, G 6-3/Soph, Bruce Fraser, G 6-2/Sr, Ruff Jacobs, F 6-6/Jr, Ken Luton, G 5-11/Soph, Joe Turner, C 6-7/Jr (3 6 ppg, 3 1 rpg, 58 1 FG%), Bruce Wheatley, C 6-9/Soph.

Newcomers: Judd Buechler, G-F, G 6-7/Fr, Brian David, F-C, 6-8/Fr, (RS), Harvey Mason, G 6-3/Fr, Tom Tolbert, C 6-9/Jr, IUC Irvine, JC)

1985-86 Record: 23 9, Pac 10 14 4/1st

Site: Tucson

1986-87 Schedule

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|------------------------|-----|------------------------|-----|
| At Nevada Las Vegas* | N21 | Stanford | 119 |
| At San Diego State | D4 | California | 122 |
| Utah | D6 | Arizona | 124 |
| At Northern Arizona | D8 | At Arizona State | 129 |
| Hawaii Pacific | D10 | At Oregon State | 131 |
| At Colorado State | D13 | Oregon | 135 |
| Fiesta Bowl Tournament | D27 | Utah | 137 |
| At Oregon State | 2 | At UCLA | 112 |
| At Oregon | 3 | Oregon State | 114 |
| San Diego California | 4 | At Southern California | 117 |
| UCLA | 11 | Washington State | 119 |
| At Washington State | 15 | Washington | 121 |
| At Washington | 17 | At Stanford | 126 |
| *Cruz Colon N T | | At California | 131 |



Arizona's Anthony Cook.

Arizona State (Sun Devils)

Coach: Steve Patterson (14 14 1 year)

Starters Lost (1): Dave Kleckner, F (2 1 ppg)

Others Lost: Vernon Johnson, F (transfer, JC)

Starters Returning (4): Alex Austin, F 6-7/Soph (16 7 ppg, 3 4 rpg), Steve Back, G 6-3/Sr (14 9 ppg, 3 6 rpg, 80 3 FT%), Tarra Isiah, C 6-9/Sr (8 6 ppg, 4 8 rpg), Arthur Thomas, G 5-9/Jr (13 7 ppg, 3 1 rpg, 3 5 apg, 52 1 FG%)

Other Returnees: Mark Carlson, F 6-6/Soph (5 ppg, 4 8 rpg), Eric Holloway, F 6-7/Sr (10 3 ppg, 4 8 rpg, 55 6 FG%, before being dismissed from team after 17 games), Uvonta Reed, F 6-8/Jr, Bobby Thompson, G 6-0/Sr (16 ppg, 4 apg)

Newcomers: Mark Becker, F 6-8/Fr, Emory Lewis, C 6-10/Fr, Tyrone Mitchell, G 6-4/Fr (RS), Mike Redhair, G 6-4/Fr (RS)

1985-86 Record: 14 14, Pac 10 8 10, T5th

Site: Tempe, Ariz

1986-87 Schedule

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|---------------------|-----|------------------------|-----|
| Kansas State | 15 | Stanford | 112 |
| Idaho State | D9 | California | 124 |
| Concordia Oregon | 13 | Arizona | 129 |
| At San Jose State | D10 | At Arizona | 131 |
| Northern Arizona | D21 | Oregon State | 135 |
| Holiday Bowl Tour | D27 | Oregon | 137 |
| At Oregon | 2 | At Southern California | 112 |
| At Oregon State | 3 | At UCLA | 114 |
| UCLA | 11 | Washington | 119 |
| Southern California | 12 | Washington State | 121 |
| At Washington | 15 | At California | 126 |
| At Washington State | 18 | At Stanford | 131 |

Oregon (Ducks)

Coach: Don Monson (42 48, 3 years)

Starters Lost (1): Jerry Adams, C (11 9 ppg, 10 3 rpg, 55 5 FG%)

Others Lost: Kevin Mouton, G 6-2/Soph (transfer, JC), Jimmy Winston, F (4 1 ppg, left school)

Starters Returning (4): Keith Balderston, F 6-7/Jr (18 9 ppg, 1 1 rpg), Rick Osborn, G 6-4/Jr (11 8 ppg, 3 2 apg), Kenny Sprague, F 6-6/Sr (10 8 ppg, 7 8 rpg in 13 games before knee injury), Anthony Taylor, G 6-4/Jr (17 ppg, 3 9 rpg, 81 1 FT%)

Other Returnees: Dennis Draucker, F 6-9/Jr, David Girely, G 6-11/Sr (5 6 ppg), Kofi Kyei, C 6-10/Sr, Steve Ranniger, G 6-3/Soph, Greg Senior, F 6-10/Soph

Newcomers: Ed Briggs, F 6-9/Jr (JC), Ian Craig, F 6-9/Fr (RS/back), Leonard Jackson, G 6-3/Jr (JC), Sven Meyer, C 6-11/Sr (from Germany, JC)

1985-86 Record: 11 17, Pac-10 6 12/9th

Site: Eugene, Ore

1986-87 Schedule

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|-------------------|-----|------------------------|-----|
| At Montana | N29 | At Southern California | 11 |
| At Nebraska | 2 | Washington | 122 |
| Idaho State | D3 | Washington State | 124 |
| Wybor State | D6 | California | 129 |
| Lamar | D9 | Stanford | 131 |
| Seattle Pacific | D13 | At Arizona | 135 |
| At Stanford | D21 | At Arizona State | 137 |
| At Utah | D23 | Oregon State | 112 |
| Pacific Northwest | D26 | Southern California | 114 |
| At Oregon State | 2 | UCLA | 119 |
| At Oregon | 3 | At Washington | 121 |
| At Oregon State | 10 | At Washington State | 126 |
| At UCLA | 15 | | |

California (Golden Bears)

Coach: Lou Campanelli (19 10, 1 year)

Starters Lost: None

Others Lost: Michael Taylor, G (3 8 ppg)

Starters Returning (5): Dave Butler, F-C, 6-9/Sr (11 8 ppg, 7 9 rpg, 64 5 FG%), Jeff Huling, F 6-5/Sr (15 ppg, 2 9 rpg), Kevin Johnson, G 6-1/Sr (15 8 ppg, 3 6 rpg, 6 apg, 81 5 FT%), Leonard Taylor, F 6-8/Jr (11 9 ppg, 7 6 rpg, 61 FG%), Chris Washington, C 6-1/Sr (10 2 ppg, 2 9 apg)

Other Returnees: Jim Bestie, F 6-9/Sr (12 2 ppg, 2 rpg), Richard Chang, F 6-6/Sr (3 5 ppg), Eddie Jarvis, F 6-6/Sr, Eddie Soars, G 6-2/Sr, Jon Wheeler, F 6-7/Sr (3 6 ppg, 2 1 rpg)

Newcomers: Bert Koenitzer, C 6-10/Fr (RS), Hartmut Ottmann, F 6-8/Soph (transfer/Wake Forest), Keith Smith, G 6-4/Fr, Bryant Walton, G 6-4/Fr

1985-86 Record: 19 10, Pac 10 11-7/3rd

Site: Berkeley, Calif

1986-87 Schedule

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|------------------------|-----|---------------------|-----|
| Cal Davis | N28 | At Colorado | 112 |
| At Nevada Reno | N29 | Stanford | 117 |
| Missouri | D4 | California | 119 |
| UNC Charlotte | D6 | At Arizona | 124 |
| At San Francisco | D6 | At Arizona State | 124 |
| St. Mary's Calif | D17 | At Oregon | 129 |
| Central Michigan | D16 | At Oregon State | 131 |
| Oregon State | D21 | Southern California | 135 |
| Oregon | D22 | UCLA | 137 |
| Rainbow Classic | D27 | At Washington | 112 |
| At Southern California | 2 | At Washington State | 114 |
| At UCLA | 3 | At Stanford | 119 |
| Washington State | 11 | At California | 126 |
| Washington | 12 | At Stanford | 131 |

Oregon State (Beavers)

Coach: Ralph Mack (298 156, 16 years)

Starters Lost (4): Darryl Flowers, C (19 1 ppg, 3 rpg, 5 3 apg, 2 stp), Darin Houston, G (12 3 ppg, 2 5 rpg), Tyrone Miller, F 7 6 ppg, 3 3 rpg, 52 8 FG%), Steve Woods, F 6-10/Sr (19 9 ppg, 6 3 rpg, 3 3 apg)

Others Lost: Van Anderson, G (transfer), Jeff Hales, F (transfer), Mark Kaska, F (flunked out), Brian King, G (transfer/Boise State), Paul Weakley, F (flunked out)

Starters Returning (1): Jose Ortiz, C 6-10/Sr (16 4 ppg, 8 6 rpg, 51 5 FG%)

Other Returnees: Eric Knox, G 6-2/Soph (RS/knee), Newcomers: Fernando Borral, C 7-2/Fr (from Argentina), Brian Brundage, F 6-8/Jr (JC), Allan Celestino, G 6-2/Fr, Peter Centen, F 6-10/Jr (from Holland), Shawn Freeman, F 6-5/Jr (JC), Joe Hoge, F 6-8/Fr (RS), Aronzo Jamison, F 6-6/Fr, Earl Martin, F 6-4/Fr (RS/stomach), Gary Payton, G 6-1/Fr, Bo Sherwood, F 6-6/Jr (transfer/Oglethorpe)

1985-86 Record: 12 15, Pac 10 8 10/15th

Site: Corvallis, Ore

1986-87 Schedule

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|------------------------|-----|---------------------|-----|
| At Texas El Paso | N29 | Washington State | 122 |
| Utah State | D5 | Washington | 124 |
| Portland | D6 | Stanford | 129 |
| Portland State | D11 | At Arizona | 131 |
| At Oregon | D13 | At Arizona State | 135 |
| At California | D21 | At Oregon State | 137 |
| At Stanford | D23 | At Oregon | 112 |
| Far West Classic | D26 | At Arizona | 114 |
| At Oregon | 2 | UCLA | 119 |
| Arizona State | 3 | Southern California | 121 |
| Oregon | 10 | At Washington State | 126 |
| At Southern California | 15 | At Washington | 131 |
| At UCLA | 18 | | |

"They all have a chance to contribute right away," Hazzard said, "but Jack Haley is our starting center, and they're going to have to beat him out. Foster is more of a natural center, whereas the others are forward types."

The new inside people will complement the virtuoso outside talents of all-conference forward Reggie Miller, who topped the conference in field-goal shooting (55.6 percent) and scoring (25.9). Miller could well benefit from the three-point shot more than any other player in the country. (See related story, page 131.)

"I wish," Hazzard said, "that they'd put in a four-point shot."

"The best thing the three-point rule will do for us is open the middle. That weapon will open the inside and make us a better team. Reggie is much more than a shooter, though. He can play defense and sneak in for rebounds."

"As a shooter, he's one of the greatest I've ever witnessed. I'm talking about guys like Jerry West, Lou Hudson, Jeff Mullins and Cazzie Russell. Reggie can shoot with anyone who's ever played."

UCLA's backcourt is set. It begins with point guard Pooh Richardson, who shared Freshman of the Year honors with Arizona's Elliott. Montel Hatcher, the team's No. 2 scorer, returns along with redshirt junior Dave Immel.

"We'll have a lot more experience, maturity and depth this season," Hazzard said. "It's the best club in my three years here, and I inherited a lot of talent my first year. I like what we have to work with this season."

UCLA will host the league's first post-season tournament next March at Pauley Pavilion. The winner will receive an automatic bid to the NCAA playoffs.

Whereas Arizona, Cal and UCLA have the thoroughbreds, Washington will have to make do with plow horses. The Huskies long have been known for a lack of quickness in the backcourt and hulks up front, but they've been successful.

Washington is regarded as a contender simply because of the presence of 7-foot, 245-pound senior center Chris Welp, the Pac-10 Player of the Year. The personable West German was the No. 1 shot-blocker (2.2 average) and No. 2 scorer (19.4) and rebounder (8.5) in the conference last season, and he became a complete player by curing his foul problems.

"Welp is as good a player as I've coached," Russo said. "He's a tremendous offensive player and he's improved greatly on defense. He just has to make strides athletically and improve his upper body strength if he has pro ambitions."

Russo will have to make up for the loss of forwards Paul Fortier and Shag Williams, hoping promising newcomers pick up the slack. A healthy Greg Hill would add a new dimension to the backcourt, which also features Clay Damon and Al

Moscatel, the league's top sixth man a year ago

George Raveling, who was Pac-10 Coach of the Year at Washington State in 1976 and 1983, returns from Iowa to take over the Southern Cal program. He has ample talent but isn't expecting any miracles.

"We're too young to have an impact right away," Raveling said. "I see us playing a spoiler role. ... We have a lot of good, young players, but we just don't know how quickly they'll come along."

Raveling will rebuild around All-Pac-10 forward Derrick Dowell, who may be joined up front by promising freshmen Chris Munk and Bob Erbst. Another key Trojan newcomer is guard Dave Wiltz, a junior college product.

Stanford, under first-year Coach Mike Montgomery, and guard-heavy Arizona State likely will battle USC to head the second division.

Stanford fans are optimistic that Montgomery's winning ways at Montana will carry over to the Cardinal. The team is built around sophomores Todd Lichti at guard and Howard Wright in the pivot, with 7-foot junior Greg Butler, brother of California's Dave, providing backup support. Lichti averaged 17.2 points last season and was the only freshman on the All-Pac-10 team.

Washington State had the parts but lacked the glue last season and never quite put things together. Many of Coach Len Stevens' Cougars return, including guard Brian Wright, forward Joe Wallace, 6-9 Dwayne Scholten and 7-footers Ken Mathia and Todd Anderson, who should contribute to a strong front line.

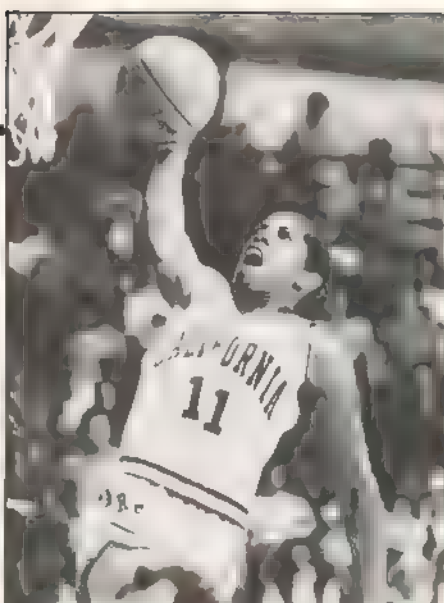
Steve Patterson did a commendable job at Arizona State as a rookie coach last year, salvaging a 14-14 season with an upset of Arizona, but the Sun Devils are thin up front. Steve Beck, Arthur Thomas and Bobby Thompson are quality guards, and 6-10 freshman Emory Lewis could be an immediate factor in the frontcourt.

Oregon State, which is rebuilding after only its second losing season under Coach Ralph Miller, and Oregon appear destined for the bottom of the heap.

This is the first time in several years that Oregon State doesn't figure to contend. The Beavers have a solid center in all-conference pick Jose Ortiz and a good sophomore guard in Eric Knox, but several players are gone and a massive reconstruction is under way. Future plans include 7-2 Fernando Borcel of Argentina and 6-10 Peter Centen of the Netherlands.

Oregon's prospects for improvement aren't bright. The Ducks feature junior guard Anthony Taylor, and Coach Don Monson has high hopes for 6-11 West German Sven Meyer, a junior college recruit who has one year of eligibility left.

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California's Kevin Johnson.

Southern California (Trojans)

Coach: George Raveling (first year at Southern Cal)
Starters Lost (3): Larry Friend, G (3.1 ppg, 5.8 apg), Greg Kimble, G 6-4/Soph. (12.1 ppg, 3.6 rpg transfer/Loyola Marymount), Tom Lewis, F, 6-7/Soph (17.6 ppg, 4.4 rpg, 84.7 FT%), transfer/JC-Irvine)
Others Lost: Eric Gathers, F, 6-6/Soph. (8.3 ppg, 5.1 rpg, transfer/Loyola Marymount) Troy LaMar, F, Charlie Simpson, C (flunked out), Kevin Steward, G
Starters Returning (2): Derrick Dawell, F 6-6 Sr (15.5 ppg, 7.8 rpg, 51.9 FG%), Rod Keller, C, 6-9 Sr (4.8 ppg, 4.2 rpg, 1.6 bpg, 53.1 FG%).
Other Returnees: Rich Grande, G, 6-2/Soph., Ivan Harris, G, 6-1/Jr. (RS/neck, back), Ivan Verberck, C, 6-11/Sr. Brad Winslow, G-F 6-6/Jr.
Newcomers: Mike Canada, F, 6-9/Fr. (RS), Bob Erbst, F, 6-9/Fr., Chris Munk, F, 6-9/Fr.; Carl Pollard, C 7-2 Jr. (transfer/Brigham Young), Dave Wiltz, G 6-2 Jr. (JC)
1985-86 Record: 11-17 Pac-10: 5-13/10th

1986-87 Schedule

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|---------------------|-----|------------------|-----|
| At New Orleans | N28 | Oregon State | J15 |
| At Richmond | D2 | Oregon | J17 |
| Wendy's Classic | D5 | At UCLA | J22 |
| San Jose State | D9 | To be announced | J24 |
| Nagaza | D11 | Washington State | J29 |
| Western Washington | D13 | Washington | J31 |
| At Washington State | D20 | At California | F5 |
| At Washington | D23 | At Stanford | F8 |
| At Tennessee | D27 | Arizona State | F12 |
| California | J2 | UCLA | F14 |
| Stanford | J4 | Arizona | F17 |
| At Arizona | J8 | At Oregon | F19 |
| At Arizona State | J10 | At Oregon State | F21 |

Stanford (Cardinal)

Coach: Mike Montgomery (first year at Stanford)
Starters Lost (3): Mike Fischer, F (4 ppg, Earl Koberlein, F (10.4 ppg, 5.3 rpg, 52 FG%, 80.8 FT%), Keith Ramee, G (4.6 ppg, 2.3 rpg, 5.9 apg, 1.8 spg)
Others Lost: Steve Brown, G (11.3 ppg)
Starters Returning (2): Todd Lichti, G 6-4/Soph (17.2 ppg, 4.7 rpg, 53.3 FG%, 81.4 FT%), Howard Wright, C, 6-8/Soph. (9.7 ppg, 6.3 rpg)
Other Returnees: Greg Butler, F, 7-0/Jr. (9.6 ppg, 3.9 rpg), Bryan McSweeney, F, 6-6/Soph.; Scott Meinert, G, 6-2/Soph. (RS), John Payne, G, 6-3/Sr. Eric Raveno, C, 6-8/Jr.; Terry Taylor, G, 6-2/Soph (3.5 ppg) Novian Whitsitt, G, 6-1/Sr. (12.1 ppg)
Newcomers: Derek Bruton, C, 6-10/Fr. (RS/ankles), Oliver Cunningham, G, 6-4/Fr.; Sean Murphy, F, 6-9/Fr.; Stuart Thomas, F, 6-9/Fr.; Deshon Wingate, F 6-7 Fr.
1985-86 Record: 14-16, Pac-10: 8-10/15th
Site: Stanford Calif

1986-87 Schedule

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|--------------------------|-----|---------------------|-----|
| Central Fidelity Classic | N28 | At California | J17 |
| At San Jose State | D2 | At Arizona | J19 |
| Appleby Invitational | D5 | At Arizona State | J22 |
| St. Mary's (Calif.) | D13 | At Oregon State | J29 |
| Oregon | D21 | At Oregon | F1 |
| Oregon State | D23 | UCLA | F5 |
| Western Washington | D27 | Southern California | F8 |
| Palm Beach Hurricane C | D29 | At Washington State | F12 |
| At UCLA | J2 | At Washington | F14 |
| At Southern California | J4 | California | F22 |
| Washington | J8 | Arizona | F26 |
| Washington State | J10 | Arizona State | F28 |

UCLA (Bruins)

Coach: Walt Hazzard (36-26, 2 years)
Starters Lost: None
Others Lost: Corey Gaines, G, 6-4/Sr. (5 ppg, transfer/Loyola Marymount); Jerald Jones, F, 6-5/Soph. (4.3 ppg, 3 rpg, transfer/San Francisco)
Starters Returning (5): Jack Haley, C 6-10/Sr. (4.3 ppg, 6.3 rpg, Mommel Hatchler, G 6-1 Sr. (13.4 ppg, 2.4 rpg), Craig Jackson, F 6-8 Jr. (5.6 ppg, 5.5 rpg, 50.7 FG%), Reggie Miller, F, 6-7/Sr. (25.9 ppg, 5.3 rpg, 55.6 FG%, 88.2 FT%), Pooh Richardson, G 6-1/Soph. (10.6 ppg, 4.5 rpg, 8.2 apg)
Other Returnees: Kevin Butler, F 6-7/Jr. (4.2 ppg, 2.9 rpg, 66.7 FG%), Dave Immel, G F 6-4/Jr. (RS/knee), Darryl Morris, G, 6-3/Jr., Rod Palmer, G 6-3/Soph., Charles Anchoff, F 6-7/Soph. (2.9 ppg)
Newcomers: Greg Easter, C 6-10/Fr., Stu Merrett, G F, 6-6/Fr., Kevin Walker, F, 6-11/Fr., Trevor Watson, F, 6-8/Fr.
1985-86 Record: 15-14, Pac-10: 9-9/4th

1986-87 Schedule

| | | | |
|---------------------|-----|------------------------|-----|
| Santa Clara | N29 | Oregon State | J8 |
| North Carolina | D1 | Southern California | J22 |
| Pepperdine | D6 | Notre Dame | J24 |
| At San Jose State | D13 | Washington | J24 |
| At Temple | D15 | Washington State | F1 |
| At Washington State | D19 | At Stanford | F5 |
| At Washington | D21 | At California | F7 |
| Long Beach State | D27 | Arizona | F12 |
| Fullerton State | D30 | At Southern California | F14 |
| Stanford | J2 | At Arizona State | F6 |
| California | J4 | At Oregon State | F19 |
| At Arizona State | J8 | At Oregon | F22 |
| At Arizona | J11 | Louisville | F28 |
| Oregon | J5 | | |

Washington (Huskies)

Coach: Andy Russo (19-12, 1 year)
Starters Lost (2): Paul Fortner, F (14.8 ppg, 7.2 rpg), Shag Williams, F (9.9 ppg, 7.2 rpg)
Starters Returning (3): Clay Damon, G, 6-3/Sr. (5.1 ppg), Greg Hill, G 6-1/Sr. (11.2 ppg, 3.7 apg), Chris Welp, C, 7-0, 245/Sr. (19.4 ppg, 8.5 rpg, 2.2 bpg, 53.7 FG%)
Other Returnees: Al Moscatel, G, 6-2/Sr. (6.6 ppg, 2.7 rpg), J.D. Taylor, F, 6-4/Jr. (2.2 ppg), Kevin Vidato, F 6-5 Sr. (2.6 ppg), Phil Zevenbergen, F, 6-9, 230 Sr. (1.5 ppg, 3.2 rpg)
Newcomers: Ron Caldwell, F, 6-7/Fr., Mike Hayward, F 6-8/Fr.; Eldridge Recasner, G 6-2/Fr. (RS), Jeff Sanor, G F, 6-5/Fr., Mark West, F, 6-7/Fr.
1985-86 Record: 19-12, Pac-10: 13-5/2nd
Site: Seattle

1986-87 Schedule

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|-------------------------|-----|------------------------|-----|
| Great Alaska Shootout | N28 | At Oregon | J2 |
| Don Hooper Invitational | D2 | At Oregon State | J24 |
| At Kansas | D4 | At UCLA | J29 |
| Gratulating State | D6 | At Southern California | J31 |
| Portland | D9 | At Washington State | F5 |
| At Fullerton State | D19 | Washington State | F8 |
| UCLA | D21 | California | F12 |
| Southern California | D23 | Stanford | F14 |
| Far West Classic | D26 | At Arizona State | F14 |
| At Stanford | J8 | At Arizona | F17 |
| At California | J10 | Oregon | F26 |
| Arizona State | J15 | Oregon State | F28 |
| Arizona | J17 | | |

Washington State (Cougars)

Coach: Len Stevens (38-49, 3 years)
Starters Lost (2): Ois Jennings, C (10.4 ppg, 5.3 rpg), Keith Morrison, G (14.4 ppg, 4.8 rpg, 4.3 apg, 2 spg, 83.4 FG%)
Others Lost: Al Durr, G; Chris Winkler, G (9 ppg)
Starters Returning (3): Brian Quinnott, F 6-8/Jr. (8.8 ppg, 4.5 rpg), Joe Wallace, F 6-7/Sr. (6.7 ppg, 3.9 rpg, 85.9 FT%), Brian Wright, G 6-4/Soph (6.7 ppg)
Other Returnees: Todd Anderson, C 7-0/Jr. (2.6 ppg), John Hodges, G F, 6-6/Soph., Anthony Kidd, G, 6-3/Soph., Ken Mathia, C 7-0, 240/Sr., David Sanders, G, 6-2/Soph., Dwayne Scholten, F 6-9/Sr. (7.4 ppg, 7.8 rpg, 13 games before lost injury)
Newcomers: Neil Evans, F 6-7/Fr. (RS), David Hamilton, C, 6-8/Fr. (RS), Reco Roe, G 6-5/Fr., Ramon Vaughn, G, 6-4/Fr.
1985-86 Record: 15-16, Pac-10: 8-10/15th
Site: Pullman Wash

1986-87 Schedule

| | | | |
|----------------------------|-----|------------------------|-----|
| Infant Empire Classic | N28 | At Oregon | J2 |
| Midway | D1 | At Southern California | J24 |
| At Arizona Hayward Classic | D5 | At California | J24 |
| Gonzaga | D10 | Washington | F5 |
| Pepperdine | D13 | At Washington | F8 |
| UCLA | D19 | At Washington State | F12 |
| Southern California | D20 | Stanford | F14 |
| At Idaho | J2 | At Oregon | F17 |
| At California | J8 | At Arizona | F19 |
| At Stanford | J10 | At Arizona State | F22 |
| At Ohio | J15 | At Oregon State | F28 |
| At Arizona State | J18 | At Oregon | F28 |
| At Oregon State | J22 | | |

Exercise in Futility

PCAA Teams Are Still Far Behind Runnin' Rebels

By JOHN HENDERSON

The Pacific Coast Athletic Association, also known as Nevada-Las Vegas and the Nine Dwarfs, has been playing catch-up ball ever since UNLV joined the league.

It's been four years since the Rebels came aboard, and some of their PCAA cohorts are wondering if this is one race UNLV will never lose.

Some are wondering if it's even fair. Virtually unlimited budget. TV exposure. Huge arena. National name. Those are all UNLV advantages no one else in the league has.

"With everything being as it is, right now it's pretty much a hopeless situation," Fullerton State Coach George McQuarn said. "I don't think anybody in the conference will move ahead of UNLV. Maybe somebody can go in and beat them, but in the long term, that's not going to happen."

UNLV has etched this voice of doom into the conference through almost absurd domination. In four years, UNLV has an incredible 64-6 league record (.914) with four regular-season titles and three PCAA Tournament crowns.

No opponent has finished better than two games behind the Runnin' Rebels, and only three teams—UC-Irvine, Fresno State and Fullerton—have even beaten them. Of the six NCAA berths given to the PCAA since the Rebels joined the league, four have gone to UNLV.

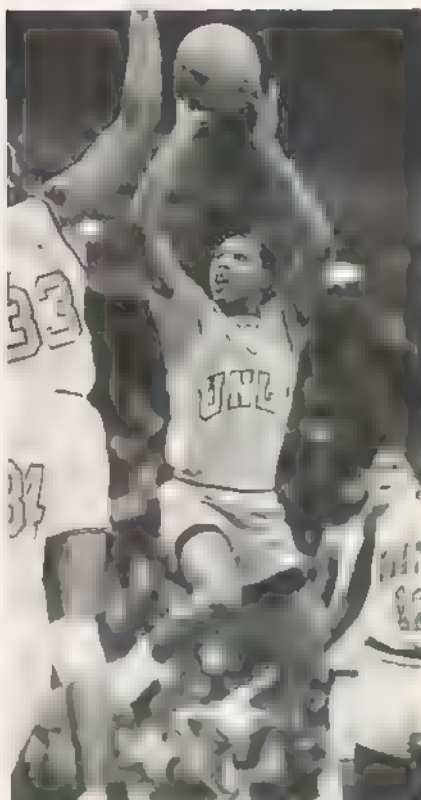
Some coaches have learned to live with the situation. Others are banging their heads against the locker room wall.

UNLV's budget is the biggest difference. It's nearly unlimited. Only Fresno State can compete with UNLV financially, but it loses out in the facility department. UNLV plays in the 18,500-seat Thomas and Mack Center. Only New Mexico State's Pan American Center seats as many as 13,000, and many arenas hold less than 5,000.

UNLV has played seven nationally televised regular-season games in the last four years and has a TV package to send home games to Southern California. Fresno State is the only other PCAA school to play on national TV in that span—and that game was against UNLV.

While UNLV isn't academically inferior to the other state schools, some coaches also hint that the Rebels recruit players other coaches won't consider.

UNLV Coach Jerry Tarkanian disputes all the advantages, saying UNLV basket-



High-scoring Fred Banks is the top gun in Nevada-Las Vegas' well-fortified arsenal.

ball had little when he started in 1973 and that Las Vegas is one of the toughest towns to sell in the country.

Others don't see it that way.

"You're almost talking apples and oranges," said one PCAA coach who requested anonymity. "I think the commitment they've made to the basketball program places them on a different level than the other schools in the league."

"Certainly, if there's an unfair advantage, it has to do with commitment. They have the athletic director, the school and the city pulling together."

Said McQuarn: "They have the best support network in the conference."

McQuarn, a onetime assistant at UNLV, agrees with the assessment that recruiting to Las Vegas is difficult but added: "I'll tell you what. It's easier when you have a TV package to tell a kid about and have an 18,000-seat arena."

Tarkanian scoffs at any supposed unfair advantages. He said recruiting to UNLV is much more difficult than recruiting to Long Beach State, where he coached for five years. Not many parents want their sons in a town with legalized gambling, brothels and nightclubs that never close. In that sense, the other PCAA schools have an advantage, Tarkanian said.

"They're in California," he said. "They're in choice areas. This is a tough situation every way recruiting here. It's

not easy."

The budget also is misinterpreted, Tarkanian said. His recruiting pinpoints very few players a year because his reliance on transfers limits the number of available scholarships, he said.

"We spend less money than most," Tarkanian said. "The only reason us and Fresno have more money is we make money. Somebody isn't coming by and giving it to us."

Tarkanian also has defended his decision to sign two great players whom many coaches refused to recruit: Clifford Allen, a summer league superstar who has spent most of his life in foster homes and detention camps, and Lloyd Daniels, who spent the last three years bouncing from one high school to another and finally dropped out before the end of his junior year.

"I like the kids we have in our program," Tarkanian said. "UCLA was in on (Allen). McQuarn would have loved to have had him. The only thing that concerns me is that once they get here, they behave and conduct themselves in a proper manner. What they did before they got here is their business."

Many other coaches are on Tarkanian's side.

"It's not all just Vegas' resources," UC-Irvine Coach Bill Mulligan said. "The fact is they're well organized, recruit real well and coach real well. They do a helluva job."

Said San Jose State Coach Bill Berry: "If you think you can't catch up, get out of coaching. They're definitely the ones to shoot for."

They are this year, too. The PCAA lost nine players to the National Basketball Association draft, and eight of the 10 teams lost their leading scorer. The league should be weaker and UNLV, with the loss of PCAA co-Player of the Year Anthony Jones to the Washington Bullets, also should drop a notch.

But it won't be enough.

The Rebels boast a top-notch scorer in senior guard Fred Banks, the league's No. 3 rebounder in senior Armon Gilliam and the PCAA assists champion in senior Mark Wade.

What they don't have is a proven center and a replacement for Jones at small forward. Redshirt David Willard, a 6-foot-11 string bean with a bevy of offensive skills, will fight reserve Richard Robinson for the center job.

"Willard's got a lot to learn," Tarkanian said. "He has a lot of ability. I like Willard, but he's a question mark. He has no experience at all."

Gerald Paddio, considered one of the top junior college players in the nation last year, will compete with reserves Eldridge Hudson and Jarvis Basnight at the wing.

"Obviously, our seniors have to play

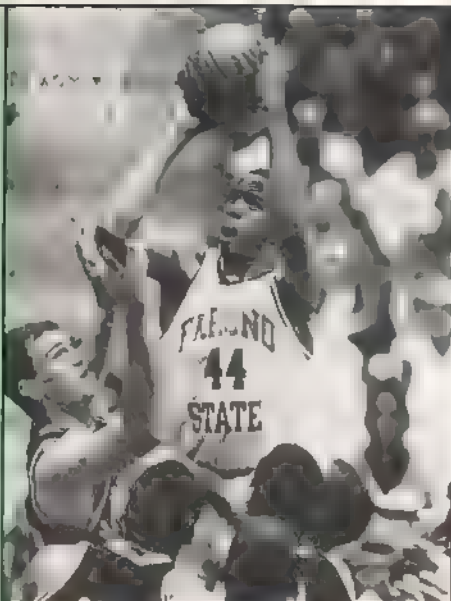
UC-Irvine (Anteaters)

Coach: Bill Mulligan (105-89, 6 years)
Starters Lost (2): Tod Murphy, F-C (20.2 ppg, 7.2 rpg, 55.8 FG%); Johnny Rogers, F (20.7 ppg, 8.6 rpg, 52.3 FG%, 82.4 FT%)
Others Lost: Sandy Caldwell, C (returned to Australia); Troy Carmon, F (7.9 ppg); Rick Ciaccio, C
Starters Returning (3): Scott Brooks, G, 5-11/Sr (10.3 ppg, 3.2 rpg, 1.9 spg, 88.6 FT%); Joe Buchanan, G, 6-1/Sr (8.2 ppg, 3.6 rpg, 80 FT%); Wayne Engelstad, F, 6-8, 230/Jr (6.4 ppg, 3.5 rpg)
Other Returnees: Rob Doktorczyk, F, 6-8/Soph; Mike Hess, G, 6-1/Jr (5.3 ppg, 5.3 1 FG%)
Newcomers: Mike Doktorczyk, F, 6-8 Soph (JC/RS); Kevin Floyd, G, 6-4 Soph (transfer/Georgetown); Mitch Parrott, G, 6-5/Fr.; Arthur Phillips, C, 6-9/Fr.; Jason Turner, G, 6-0/Fr.; Mark Warren, F, 6-8/Soph (transfer/Boise State); Frank Woods, F, 6-6/Jr (JC)
1985-86 Record: 17-13, PCAA, 12-6/2nd.

1986-87 Schedule

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|---------------------|-----|---------------------|-----|
| Nebraska | N28 | At Fullerton State | J15 |
| Bradley | D1 | At UC Santa Barbara | J17 |
| At Tulsa | 34 | At Long Beach State | J19 |
| At Utah Roberts | 36 | New Mexico State | J22 |
| At Boise State | D16 | Long Beach State | J24 |
| At Montana | D18 | Nevada Las Vegas | J29 |
| Pepperdine | D20 | At San Jose State | F5 |
| Antelope Classic | D28 | At Utah State | F7 |
| At Nevada Las Vegas | J3 | UC Santa Barbara | F12 |
| At Fresno State | J5 | Fullerton State | F14 |
| Utah State | J8 | At New Mexico State | F19 |
| San Jose State | J10 | At Pacific | F21 |
| Pacific | J12 | Fresno State | F26 |

Bold face denotes conference-leading totals.



Fresno State's Mike Mitchell.

UC-Santa Barbara (Gauchos)

Coach: Jerry Pimm (34-48, 3 years)
Starters Lost (4): Maury Carr, G-F (8.9 ppg, 3.9 rpg); Scott Fisher, F (15.8 ppg, 7.3 rpg, 58.7 FG%); Bruce Hannan, F (6.1 ppg, 5.2 rpg, 55.6 FG%); Conner Henry, G (17.3 ppg, 4.9 rpg, 4.3 spg)
Starters Returning (1): Khria Fortson, F, 8-6/Sr (10.1 ppg, 5 rpg, 52.2 FG%)
Other Returnees: Carlton Davenport, G, 6-0/Soph (4.8 ppg); Tim DePriest, G, 6-4/Jr (RS/knee); Brian Johnson, G, 6-3/Jr (5.2 ppg); Kevin Kenney, F, 6-5/Sr; Richard Townsend, G, 6-1/Sr (4.1 ppg); Greg Trystad, F, 6-8/Fr. (RS/back after five games); John Westbold, F, 6-10/Soph
Newcomers: Michael Core, F, 6-8, 230/Jr (Drake/JC); Carrick DeHert, G, 6-3, Fr; Mike Doyle, F, 6-7/Fr; Eric McArthur, F, 6-6/Fr; Brian Shaw, G, 6-6 Jr (transfer/St. Mary's); Brian Vaughns, F, 6-8/Jr (transfer/Montana Tech)
1985-86 Record: 12-15, PCAA, 7-11/6th.

1986-87 Schedule

| | | | |
|-----------------------|-----|---------------------|-----|
| At Santa Clara | N28 | At San Jose State | J22 |
| San Diego State | D1 | At Utah State | J24 |
| At Oregon State | D5 | Fresno State | J29 |
| At Eastern Washington | D7 | Pacific | J31 |
| San Diego | D13 | At Long Beach State | F5 |
| San Francisco State | D16 | At New Mexico State | F7 |
| At Pepperdine | D22 | At UC Irvine | F12 |
| Northern Iowa | D27 | At Nevada Las Vegas | F14 |
| Colorado | D29 | San Jose State | F19 |
| At Pacific | J2 | Fullerton State | F21 |
| At Fullerton State | J10 | Long Beach State | F26 |
| Nevada Las Vegas | J15 | Utah State | F28 |
| UC Irvine | J17 | At Fresno State | M2 |
| New Mexico State | J19 | | |

Fresno State (Bulldogs)

Coach: Ron Adams (first year at Fresno State)
Starters Lost (3): Marvin Carter, G (9.1 ppg, 2.2 rpg, 85.5 FT%); Jos Kuipers, F (10.8 ppg, 6 rpg); Brian Saloner, C (13.1 ppg, 5.5 rpg, 57 FG%)
Others Lost: Kenny Cook, F; Fred Emerson, F; Mark Gustin, C; Daniel Means, G (left team); Charlie Smith, G; Fernando Tomasieno, G (transfer/Paris JC)
Starters Returning (2): Mike Mitchell, G-F, 6-8/Soph (10.6 ppg, 3.5 rpg, 1.9 spg); Leo Walker, G, 6-10/Jr (3.5 ppg)
Other Returnees: Derrick Barden, F, 6-6/Soph (3.2 rpg); Jarvis Cole, F, 6-6/Soph (4.5 ppg, 2.9 rpg)
Newcomers: Keith Billingslea, G, 6-2/Fr.; Rene Ebeltsjes, C, 6-11/Soph (from Holland); Mario Lopez, F, 6-7/Jr (JC); Rodney Nobles, F, 6-7/Jr (JC); Greg Peters, F, 6-8/Fr. (RS); Earl Seals, G, 6-1/Soph (JC); Vincent Stone, F, 6-8/Jr (JC); Charlie Williams, G, 6-0/Jr (JC)
1985-86 Record: 15-15, PCAA, 8-10/16th.

1986-87 Schedule

| | | | |
|-------------------------|-----|---------------------|-----|
| San Mat Classic | N23 | San Jose State | J17 |
| Sacramento State | D3 | Pacific | J22 |
| At Montana | D5 | At Nevada Las Vegas | J26 |
| Early Season Tournament | D12 | At UC Santa Barbara | J29 |
| Sacramento State | D27 | At Fullerton State | J31 |
| Santa Clara | D23 | At Pacific | F7 |
| Hoodier Classic | D26 | New Mexico State | F12 |
| West Virginia | D30 | Long Beach State | F14 |
| Fullerton State | J3 | At Utah State | F21 |
| UC Irvine | J5 | At San Jose State | F23 |
| At Long Beach State | J8 | At UC Irvine | F26 |
| At New Mexico State | J17 | Nevada Las Vegas | M1 |
| Utah State | J15 | UC Santa Barbara | M2 |

Fullerton State (Titans)

Coach: George McQuarn (93-87, 6 years)
Starters Lost (2): Kory Boagni, F (11.8 ppg, 4.7 rpg); Kevin Henderson, G (16.6 ppg, 4 rpg, 52.5 FG%, 81.6 FT%)
Others Lost: Tee Williamson, F, 6-7/Jr (suspended)
Starters Returning (3): Richard Morton, G, 6-3/Jr (13.3 ppg, 80 FT%); Henry Turner, F, 6-7/Jr (10.7 ppg, 6.2 rpg); Herman Webster, C, 6-6/Sr (10.6 ppg, 5.4 rpg, 59.4 FG%)
Other Returnees: Vincent Blow, C, 6-8/Jr (2.9 ppg, 3.7 rpg); Chris Ceballos, G, 6-5/Soph.; Alexander Hamilton, G, 6-3/Sr (4.3 ppg, 2.1 rpg); Eugene Jackson, G, 6-3/Jr (4.4 ppg); David Moody, C, 6-8 Soph
Newcomers: Derek Jones, F, 6-7/Jr (JC RS); Oval Miller, F, 6-7/Jr (JC); Tyrone Ree, G, 6-2/Soph (JC); Rodney Smith, F, 6-5 Jr (JC)
1985-86 Record: 16-16, PCAA, 8-12/16th
Site: Fullerton, Calif.

1986-87 Schedule

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|---------------------|-----|---------------------|-----|
| At Texas Tech | N28 | At Utah State | J22 |
| At Bakerfield | D5 | At San Jose State | J24 |
| Southern Utah State | D8 | Pacific | J29 |
| BYU Cougar Classic | D12 | Fresno State | J31 |
| Pepperdine | D17 | San Jose State | F2 |
| Washington | D19 | At New Mexico State | F5 |
| Loyola Marymount | D23 | At Long Beach State | F7 |
| At UCL | D30 | At Nevada Las Vegas | F12 |
| At Fresno State | J3 | UC Irvine | F19 |
| At Pacific | J6 | Utah State | F21 |
| UC Santa Barbara | J10 | At UC Santa Barbara | F21 |
| UC Irvine | J16 | New Mexico State | F26 |
| Nevada Las Vegas | J19 | Long Beach State | F26 |

Long Beach State (49ers)

Coach: Ron Palmer (11-45, 2 years)
Starters Lost (1): Stafford Hamlin, F (6.3 ppg)
Others Lost: Vince Jefferson, F (4.5 ppg, 3.7 rpg academically ineligible); Stephen Hamlin, F (3.9 ppg, 3.4 rpg left team)
Starters Returning (4): DeAnthony Langston, C, 6-10 Jr (11.7 ppg, 4.8 rpg); Andre Purry, F, 6-5/Soph (9.9 ppg, 5.1 rpg); Billy Walker, G, 6-0/Jr (5.9 ppg, 5.6 rpg); Mordon Wiley, G, 6-4 Jr (11.7 ppg)
Other Returnees: Jeff Eastin, G, 6-7 Jr (3.2 ppg); John Hatten, F, 6-9, 239/Soph (1.5 ppg); Demetrius Lahtie, G, 6-5/Soph; Jeff Noian, F, 6-8/Jr (7.1 ppg, 3.6 rpg); Reggie Wallace, G, 6-6/Jr (6.4 ppg)
Newcomers: Lee Roy Brown, F, 6-8/Fr.; Marco Fleming, F, 6-8/Jr (transfer/Wyoming); Allen Gordon, G, 6-2/Fr.; John Hoffman, G-F, 6-6/Jr (JC); Rigo Moore, G-F, 6-5/Jr (transfer/Washington State); Tony Ronzone, G, 6-2/Jr (transfer/Nevada-Reno)
1985-86 Record: 7-22, PCAA, 2-16/10th.

1986-87 Schedule

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|---------------------|-----|---------------------|-----|
| Bradley | D3 | UC Irvine | J19 |
| Houston | D9 | At Nevada Las Vegas | J22 |
| At Pepperdine | D11 | At UC Irvine | J24 |
| At Loyola Marymount | D13 | Utah State | J29 |
| Albertson's Classic | D19 | San Jose State | J31 |
| Texas Christian | D23 | UC Santa Barbara | F5 |
| At UCL | D27 | Fullerton State | F7 |
| Georgetown | D30 | At Pacific | F12 |
| At San Jose State | J3 | At Fresno State | F14 |
| At Utah State | J5 | Nevada Las Vegas | F19 |
| Fresno State | J8 | At New Mexico State | F23 |
| Pacific | J10 | At UC Santa Barbara | F26 |
| New Mexico State | J17 | Fullerton State | F28 |

well for us," Tarkanian said. "They have to be better than they played last year for us to be super."

San Jose State should be the best of the rest. With its two best players back in all-league Ricky Berry and forward Reggie Owens (the league's top rebounder a year ago), it may be the only team to improve significantly.

Berry, the coach's son, played all five positions last year but hopes to settle at small forward. The Spartans are starting over at guard, with UC-Irvine transfer Rodney Scott getting first crack at the point.

If 6-8 center Gerald Thomas adds some weight and becomes a force, the Spartans could make a run for the title.

"It's time we found the right combination," Coach Berry said. "Ricky gives us flexibility, but I don't want him playing guard. We need more offensive punch at forward."

Fullerton State, devastated by injuries last year, should be well balanced with returning guards Richard Morton and Eugene Jackson, while team-leading rebounder Henry Turner is back at forward. Herman Webster, a bull of a center at 6-6, may move to power forward if 6-7, 200-pound Oval Miller, a junior college transfer, comes through in the middle.

McQuarn also got more perimeter help from two other junior college recruits, forward Derek Jones and point guard Tyrone Ree.

"Ree, Jones and Miller can play immediately," McQuarn said. "Take them with the eight kids who are coming back and we should come up with seven or eight players out of that."

When Fresno State failed to achieve a winning record for the first time in Boyd Grant's nine-year tenure last season, Grant retired and gave the job to assistant Ron Adams.

Adams, the brains behind Fresno's defensive prowess, must shore up an offense that ranked last in the league. He went overseas to get the center off the Dutch national team, 6-11 Rene Ebeltsjes, but Adams said: "Some think he's great. Other people think he needs a lot of work."

Adams' only solid returnee is swingman Mike Mitchell, the PCAA Freshman of the Year. Adams brought in two junior college racehorses, Charlie Williams and Earl Seals, to step up Fresno's tempo.

"We have to be more opportunistic offensively," Adams said. "We have to beat the defense in the open court. We'll score more off the break."

New Mexico State may have the most experience with four returning starters, but it lost all-league forward Gilbert Wilburn, and its top returnee, guard Kenny Travis, broke his wrist this summer. Travis should be ready to practice by

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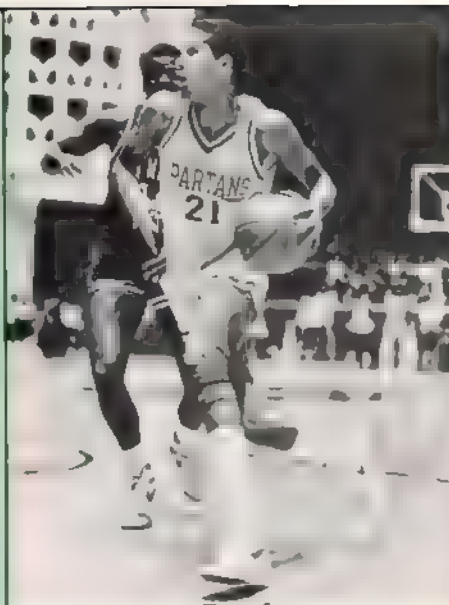
UNLV (Runnin' Rebels)

Coach: Jerry Tarkanian (320-81, 13 years)
Starters Lost (2): John Flowers, C (8.3 ppg, 4.2 rpg); Anthony Jones, F (18 ppg, 5.5 rpg, 1.8 spg)
Others Lost: Ricky Collier, G-F, 6-5/Jr (2.5 ppg transfer/Westmont); John Welch, G (2.1 ppg)
Starters Returning (3): Fred Banks, G, 6-3/Sr (17.6 ppg, 3.1 rpg, 3.7 apg, 82.5 FT%), Armon Gilliam, F, 6-8/Sr (15.7 ppg, 8.5 rpg, 1.1 bpg); Mark Wade, G, 6-0/Sr (2.8 ppg, 7.4 rpg)
Other Returnees: Jarvis Sessing, F, 6-8/Jr (3.6 ppg, 2.1 rpg); Gary Graham, G, 6-4/Sr (3.8 ppg, 84.1 FT%); Eldridge Hudson, F, 6-6/Sr (5.9 ppg, 4.5 rpg, 56.1 FG%); Richard Robinson, C, 6-10/Jr (4 ppg, 3.3 rpg); David Willard, F-C, 6-11/Soph (RS)
Newcomers: Stacey Cvijanovich, G, 6-3/Fr (RS); Gerald Paddio, F, 6-7/Jr (JC); Leon Symanski, F, 6-7/Jr (RS/back); Lawrence West, F, 6-8/Jr (transfer/DePaul)
1985-86 Record: 33-5, PCAA 16-2/1st

1986-87 Schedule

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|---------------------------|-----|---------------------|-----|
| Arizona* | N21 | New Mexico State | J24 |
| At Thompson State | D5 | Fresno State | J26 |
| At Nevada Reno | D13 | At UC Irvine | J29 |
| Nevada Reno | D17 | At Auburn | F1 |
| Rahs Round Up | D19 | At Utah State | F5 |
| Bud Light Holiday Classic | D27 | At San Jose State | F7 |
| UC Irvine | J3 | At Pacific | F9 |
| San Jose State | J8 | Fullerton State | F12 |
| Utah State | J10 | UC Santa Barbara | F14 |
| At UC Santa Barbara | J15 | At Long Beach State | F19 |
| At Oklahoma | J17 | At New Mexico State | F21 |
| Fullerton State | J19 | Pacific | F26 |
| Long Beach State | J22 | At Fresno State | M1 |

*Coca-Cola NT



San Jose State's Ricky Berry.

New Mexico State (Aggies)

Coach: Neil McCarthy (218-109, 11 years)
Starters Lost (1): Gilbert Wilburn, F (119.1 ppg, 7.1 rpg)
Others Lost: Orlando Fabres, F; Virgil Harris, G, 6-2/Jr (18.9 ppg, 2.3 rpg, flunked out); Eiston Jones, F (2.1 rpg); Wendell Wright, F (3.5 ppg, flunked out)
Starters Returning (4): Steve McEltholm, C, 6-8/Soph (13.7 ppg, 4.1 rpg); Pierre Smith, F, 8-6/Sr (8.8 ppg, 4.6 rpg); Kenny Travis, G, 8-2/Sr (115.5 ppg, 4.4 rpg); Jeff Williams, G, 6-3/Jr (4.8 ppg)
Other Returnees: Pat Coash, F, 6-6/Soph (RS ankle); Jeff McCoil, G, 6-4/Soph (12.1 ppg); Johnny Roberson, F, 6-6/Soph (12.9 ppg, 2.9 rpg)
Newcomers: Ty Bernard, F, 6-6/Fr (Blaine De Brouwer, G, 6-1/Fr; Derrick Hill, C, 6-8, 240 Jr (C); Keith Hill, G, 6-4/Fr (transfer/Michigan State)
1985-86 Record: 18-12, PCAA 10-8/3rd
Site: Las Cruces, N.M.

1986-87 Schedule

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|--------------------------|-----|---------------------|-----|
| BYU-Hawaii Tournament | N28 | At Long Beach State | J17 |
| Mississippi Valley State | D2 | At UC Santa Barbara | J19 |
| New Mexico | D4 | At UC Irvine | J22 |
| South Alabama | D6 | At Nevada-Las Vegas | J24 |
| Texas Southern | D8 | San Jose State | J29 |
| Texas El Paso | D10 | Utah State | J31 |
| At Texas El Paso | D13 | Fullerton State | F5 |
| BYU-Hawaii | D17 | UC Santa Barbara | F7 |
| At New Mexico | D20 | At Fresno State | F12 |
| Western New Mexico | D30 | At Pacific | F14 |
| At Utah State | J3 | UC Irvine | F19 |
| At San Jose State | J5 | Nevada-Las Vegas | F21 |
| Pacific | J8 | Long Beach State | F23 |
| Fresno State | J10 | At Fullerton State | F28 |

San Jose State (Spartans)

Coach: Bill Berry (107-92, 7 years)
Starters Lost (2): Ward Farris, G (8.9 ppg, 2.9 rpg, 3.3 apg); Ontario Johnson, G (8.1 ppg, 3.8 apg)
Others Lost: Sean Newman, G (transfer/JC); Herb Simon, G (7.9 ppg, 85.7 FT%); Manfred Winter, F (returned to Germany); Lance Wyatt, C (4.2 ppg)
Starters Returning (3): Ricky Berry, G-F, 6-8/Jr (18.8 ppg, 4.9 rpg, 83.5 FT%); Reggie Owens, F, 6-7/Jr (10.9 ppg, 8.7 rpg); Gerald Thomas, C, 6-8/Jr (3.9 ppg)
Other Returnees: Bobby Evans, G, 6-2/Sr (RS-knee); Anthony Perry, G, 6-0/Soph; George Pious, F, 6-5/Sr; Detrich Waters, C, 6-8, Soph
Newcomers: Paul Conway, F, 6-8 Jr (Popperdine JC); Dwan Daniels, G, 6-3 Fr; Steve Hanley, G, 6-1 Jr (transfer Loyola Marymount); Ben Morton, F, 6-8 Jr (Ill State JC); Rodney Scott, G, 6-2 Soph; UC Irvine, JC; Jan Svaboda, F, 6-8/Fr (transfer/Cal)
1985-86 Record: 16-12, PCAA 9-9/4th

1986-87 Schedule

| | | | |
|------------------------|-----|---------------------|-----|
| At Portland | N29 | UC Santa Barbara | J22 |
| Stanford | D2 | Fullerton State | J24 |
| At Southern California | D9 | At New Mexico State | J29 |
| Santa Clara | D18 | At Long Beach State | J31 |
| Arizona State | D20 | At Fullerton State | F2 |
| Hayward, Calif. State | D27 | UC Irvine | F5 |
| Fal West Classic | D26 | Nevada-Las Vegas | F7 |
| Long Beach State | J3 | At Utah State | F14 |
| New Mexico State | J5 | UC Santa Barbara | F19 |
| At Nevada-Las Vegas | J8 | Fresno State | F23 |
| At UC Irvine | J10 | Utah State | F28 |
| At Pacific | J15 | Pacific | F28 |
| At Fresno State | J17 | | |

Pacific (Tigers)

Coach: Tom O'Neill (36-81, 4 years)
Starters Lost (1): Rich Anema, F (15.6 ppg, 7.1 rpg, 51.2 FG%)
Others Lost: LeRoy E. Jr, F, 6-8/Jr (transfer/Columbia Christian); Drew Rodgers, F (17.7 ppg, 3.6 rpg)
Starters Returning (4): Brent Counts, C, 6-9/Sr (8.6 ppg, 4.6 rpg); James Gleaves, G, 6-3 Jr (3.5 ppg); Christian Gray, F, 6-5/Jr (16.7 ppg, 3.4 rpg); Kevin Matthews, F, 6-5 Sr (15.3 ppg, 4.2 rpg)
Other Returnees: Kyle Pepple, G, 6-0/Sr (14.1 ppg, 4.4 rpg); Domingo Rosario, F, 6-5 Jr (10.8 ppg, 3.1 rpg); James Ray Richardson, G, 6-5 Jr (16.4 ppg, 2.6 rpg); Willie Tatum, F, 6-7/Soph
Newcomers: Dan Embick, G-F, 6-6/Fr; Holger Fuers, C, 6-11 Fr (RS from Germany); Scott Ham-sath, F, 6-8/Fr; David Michaelson, F, 6-8/Fr; Victor Mansfield, F, 6-7/Fr
1985-86 Record: 17-14, PCAA 9-9/T4th
Site: Stockton, Calif.

1986-87 Schedule

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|----------------------|-----|---------------------|-----|
| At White State | N29 | San Jose State | J15 |
| At Rice | D1 | Utah State | J17 |
| San Francisco | D4 | At Fresno State | J22 |
| St. Mary's (Calif.) | D6 | At Fullerton State | J29 |
| Chico (Calif.) State | D9 | At UC Santa Barbara | J31 |
| At Utah State | D13 | Fresno State | F7 |
| At Montana | D20 | Nevada-Las Vegas | F9 |
| Santa Clara | D22 | Long Beach State | F12 |
| UC D | D30 | New Mexico State | F14 |
| UC Santa Barbara | J2 | At Utah State | F16 |
| Fullerton State | J5 | UC Irvine | F21 |
| At New Mexico State | J8 | At Nevada-Las Vegas | F26 |
| At Long Beach State | J10 | At San Jose State | F28 |
| At UC Irvine | J12 | | |

Utah State (Aggies)

Coach: Rod Tuelier (103-94, 7 years)
Starters Lost (2): Bill Floyd, F (8 ppg, 2.5 apg); Greg Grant, F (22.6 ppg, 8.5 rpg, 2.4 spg, 50 FG%)
Others Lost: Tann Tuelier, G (2.2 ppg)
Starters Returning (3): Nathan Grant, F, 6-5/Jr (15.2 ppg, 3.9 rpg, 79.2 FT%); Kevin Nixon, G, 6-1/Jr (11.4 ppg, 3.4 rpg, 4 apg, 1.6 spg); Gilbert Pete, C, 6-7/Soph (15 ppg, 3 rpg)
Other Returnees: Jeff Anderson, G, 6-3/Jr (9.2 ppg, 2 rpg); Dan Bell, F, 6-7/Sr (12.5 ppg, 2.5 rpg); Dan Conway, F, 6-8/Soph (15.3 ppg, 3.2 rpg); Mike Johnson, C, 6-9 Sr; Jon Judkins, F, 6-6 Jr (15.8 ppg); Reid Newey, G-F, 6-5/Soph (1.5 SDS make)
Newcomers: Todd Bearup, F, 6-6 Fr; Sean Lake, G, 6-4/Fr; Steve McDay, G, 6-5/Fr (RS/shoulder); Grey Turner, C, 6-11/Fr
1985-86 Record: 12-16, PCAA 8-10/T6th
Site: Logan, Utah

1986-87 Schedule

| | | | |
|-----------------------|-----|---------------------|-----|
| Great Alaska Shootout | N28 | At Pacific | J17 |
| At Brigham Young | D3 | Fullerton State | J22 |
| Grading State | D5 | UC Santa Barbara | J24 |
| At Utah | D9 | At Long Beach State | J29 |
| At Weber State | D13 | At New Mexico State | J31 |
| Brigham Young | D16 | Nevada-Las Vegas | F5 |
| Weber State | D20 | UC Irvine | F7 |
| Mot Life Classic | D22 | At San Jose State | F14 |
| Utah | D27 | Pacific | F16 |
| New Mexico State | J3 | At Fullerton State | F19 |
| Long Beach State | J5 | Fresno State | F21 |
| At UC Irvine | J8 | At San Jose State | F26 |
| At Nevada-Las Vegas | J10 | At UC Santa Barbara | F28 |
| At Fresno State | J15 | | |

mid-October.

"With the big guy (Wilburn) not there anymore, everybody has to improve their game," Coach Neil McCarthy said. "They're all a year older. We can't replace 20 points a game, but everybody can improve three or four points a game."

McCarthy did bring in 6-8, 240-pound center Derrick Hill to beef up the smallest front line in the league.

UC-Irvine must replace more than half of its points with the loss of All-PCAA forward-center Tod Murphy (20.2 points per game) and forward Johnny Rogers (20.7).

Mulligan, however, has back his three-guard rotation of Scott Brooks (the league's top free-throw shooter), Joe Buchanan and Mike Hess as well as forward Wayne Engelstad. In addition, the Ant-eaters will be moving out of 1,500-seat Crawford Hall, although its new 5,000-seat arena may not be ready until midway through the season.

"They said when (Kevin) Magee left, we'd never replace Magee," Mulligan said. "Now they're saying we'll never replace Murphy and Rogers."

Pacific Coach Tom O'Neill received a two-year contract extension after compiling the school's best record in seven years. But he lost forward Rich Anema, and his top returnee, forward Domingo Rosario, must recover from a broken leg he suffered last year.

Center Brent Counts is back for his fourth year, but he blocked only seven shots in 31 games, and Pacific's guards hit only 37.1 percent of their field-goal attempts.

In the lower echelon, Long Beach State is counting on a pair of transfers to achieve respectability. Guard Tony Ronzone (Nevada-Reno) has a good shooting reputation, while forward Marco Fleming (Wyoming) will be eligible after the first semester.

DeAnthony Langston is solid underneath, and swingman Andre Purry enjoyed an impressive freshman campaign. But Coach Ron Palmer's transfers must improve a team that was last in the league in field-goal shooting (.431).

Utah State loses PCAA co-Player of the Year Greg Grant, who led the league in both scoring and steals. But Coach Rod Tuelier has a solid point guard in Kevin Nixon and a great shooter in Reid Newey, who is back after completing a two-year Mormon mission.

UC-Santa Barbara didn't make a move last season as expected, and Jerry Pimm will struggle in his fourth year with only one returning starter back from a team that didn't make the eight-team PCAA Tournament. Pimm is counting heavily on guard Brian Shaw, a good-shooting transfer from St. Mary's (Calif.)

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Riding High

Talented Dembo Makes Cowboys WAC Favorite

By ED ZIERALSKI

Growing up with six brothers and five sisters meant one important thing to Wyoming's Fennis Dembo.

"Never got lonely," Dembo said.

Dembo's unique first name was a result of some clever thinking by one of his sisters. The plan was that if Clariss Dembo, Fennis' mother, had a girl, her name would be "Fenise," from the French word "finis."

"It means 'the end,' and the way my sister saw it, this baby would be Mom's last," Dembo said.

But Clariss Dembo surprised everyone. She had twins—a girl and a boy.

"So they named me Fennis," Dembo said, "and my twin sister is Fenise."

The name may mean "the end" in French, but around Laramie, Wyo., the name has meant the beginning of a new golden era for Cowboy basketball.

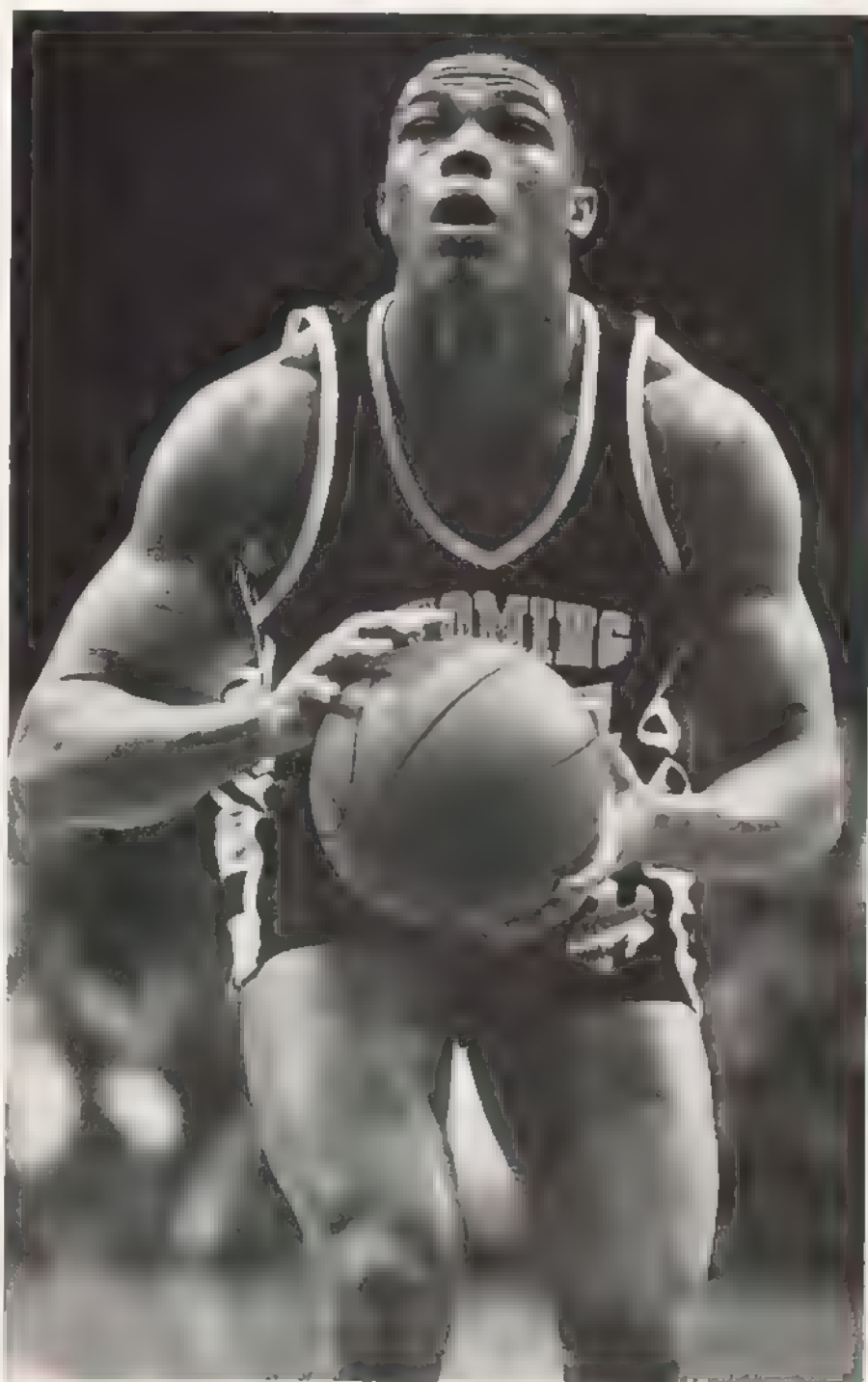
Dembo's emergence as one of the Western Athletic Conference's super sophomores last season enabled Wyoming to tie for the WAC regular-season championship. A one-point loss to Texas-El Paso in the championship game of the WAC Tournament meant that Wyoming had to settle for a National Invitation Tournament bid rather than a trip to the NCAA Tournament, but the Cowboys went to the Big Apple hungry and advanced to the NIT title game. A 73-63 loss to Ohio State in that contest meant just one thing to the Cowboys.

"We have to work harder this season," said Dembo, one of four returning starters. "We have to be ready for the challenges this season. People will be giving us respect."

Picked to finish fifth by the WAC coaches and media, the Cowboys struggled to a 4-5 start before shifting into gear. They won 20 of their next 27 games and finished 24-12. Jim Brandenburg, who is entering his ninth season at Wyoming, was named WAC Coach of the Year for the third time.

Dembo led the Cowboys with 17 points and 6.7 rebounds per game. The swingman improved steadily as the season progressed, averaging 22.3 points in the post-season. He was named to the All-WAC second team along with 6-foot-11 teammate Eric Leckner, who could be the conference's premier big man this season.

Brandenburg went back to San Antonio, where he had once been a high school



 *The versatile talents of Fennis Dembo have Wyoming's Cowboys riding high in the saddle.*

coach, to recruit Dembo, one of the most sought-after guards in Texas. In his freshman year at Wyoming, Dembo was second on the team in scoring and rebounding and clearly was the top rookie in the conference. He enters his junior season as the leading candidate for WAC Player of the Year honors.

For the Cowboys to successfully defend their co-title, Brandenburg said Dembo and Leckner, who led the league in

blocked shots and field-goal percentage, again must play key roles.

"Hopefully, all of our players will get better," Brandenburg said. "But those two need to get consistent and improve their stamina. If they do that, the others will go up a notch or two."

The Cowboys lost only one letterman, guard Les Bolden, the team's inspirational

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Air Force (Falcons)

Coach: Reggie Minton (18-39, 2 years)
Starters Lost (4): Todd Beer, G (6-5 ppg, 2-9 rpg, 4-6 apg); Mike Edwards, G (6-5 ppg, 2-6 rpg); Jim Gulsing, F (9-1 ppg, 5-5 rpg); Maurice McDonald, F (13 ppg, 6-6 rpg, 8-14 FT%).
Others Lost: Byron Clay, G (2-6 ppg)
Starters Returning (1): Mike Lockwood, F-C (6-6/Soph, 6-6 ppg, 4 rpg)
Other Returnees: Chad Kimble, C, 6-8/Soph; Eric Kiyoma, F, 6-8/Soph (7-6 ppg, 3-4 rpg); Rob Marr, G-F, 6-5/Jr (7 ppg, 3-1 rpg); Mark Simko, G-F, 6-5/Soph; Matt Sobolewski, F, 6-6/Jr (2 ppg)
Newcomers: Jeff Bowling, G, 6-0/Fr; Raymond Dudley, G, 6-1/Fr; Ray James, F, 6-3/Fr; Chris Jeffrey, G, 6-2/Fr; Steve Miller, G, 6-3/Fr; Troy Molen-dyke, G, 6-1/Fr; Bob Pannelather, G, 6-2/Fr.
1985-86 Record: 10-19, WAC 3-13, 8th.
Site: Colorado Springs, Colo.

1986-87 Schedule

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|---------------------|-----|--------------------|-----|
| Adams State (Colo.) | N28 | At Brigham Young | J22 |
| Regis (Colo.) | N29 | At Utah | J23 |
| Monte (Colo.) | D2 | Wyoming | J29 |
| Doane (Nebr.) | D4 | Brigham Young | J30 |
| At Northern Arizona | D6 | At Hawaii | F5 |
| At S. International | D8 | At San Diego State | F7 |
| Eastern Washington | D12 | At Wyoming | F12 |
| Blaine Classic | D29 | At Colorado State | F13 |
| Winthrop S.C. | J3 | Utah | F18 |
| San Diego State | J8 | Texas El Paso | F21 |
| Hawaii | J10 | At Texas El Paso | F26 |
| Colorado State | J16 | New Mexico | F28 |
| New Mexico | J17 | | |

Bold face denotes conference-leading totals.

Hawaii (Rainbows)

Coach: Frank Arnold (4-24, 1 year)
Starters Lost (3): Anthony Jones, F (9-6 ppg, 7-2 rpg); Keith Turner, G, 6-0/Sr (9 ppg, left team); Kenny Walker, G (10-8 ppg, 2-8 rpg, 80-8 FT%).
Others Lost: Jim Gaulle, G; John Jorgensen, F, 6-8/Sr (transfer); Andre Morgan, G (left team).
Starters Returning (2): Rick Domonkos, C, 6-8/Sr, 16-3 ppg, 5-4 rpg, 50 FG%; Jerald Wrightsil, G, 6-4/Sr (8-3 ppg, 3 rpg, 3-9 apg).
Other Returnees: John Gabriel, C, 6-9/Soph; Richard Jardine, F, 6-7/Soph (4-3 ppg, 2-5 rpg); Billy Koch, G, 6-6/Sr (4-4 ppg).
Newcomers: Alan Andrus, F, 6-7/Jr; Chris Gaines, G, 6-5/Fr; Bill Holcumb, C, 6-10/Jr (JC); Moritz Kleine Bockhoff, G, 6-5/Fr (from Germany); Jeff Lucas, G, 6-3/Fr; Peter Martin, C, 6-11/Fr (from New Zealand); Craig Murray, G, 6-0/Fr; Jamie Weaver, G, 6-5/Sr (transfer, Houston).
1985-86 Record: 4-24, WAC: 1-15, 9th.
Site: Honolulu.

1986-87 Schedule

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|-------------------------|-----|--------------------|-----|
| North Carolina | N28 | At Utah | J17 |
| St. Mary's (Calif.) | N28 | Wyoming | J24 |
| Kactus Classic | D5 | San Diego State | J26 |
| Early Season Tournament | D12 | Air Force | F5 |
| Toledo | D18 | Colorado State | F7 |
| Brown | D23 | At New Mexico | F13 |
| Rainbow Classic | D27 | At Texas El Paso | F14 |
| Texas El Paso | J3 | At Wyoming | F13 |
| New Mexico | J8 | At San Diego State | F21 |
| At Colorado State | J5 | Utah | F26 |
| At Air Force | J10 | Brigham Young | F28 |
| At Brigham Young | J16 | | |

Texas-El Paso (Miners)

Coach: Don Haskins (468-208, 25 years)
Starters Lost (2): Dave Felt, C (16-6 ppg, 6-8 rpg); Jaden Smith, G-F (13-7 ppg, 4-7 rpg, 3-1 rpg).
Others Lost: Don Bronson, F; Lenny Cotton, G, 6-4/Sr (2 ppg, flunked out); Kevin Hamilton, F; Quincy Turner, G, 6-2/Jr (flunked out).
Starters Returning (3): Wayne Campbell, F, 6-7/Jr (4 ppg, 4-6 rpg); Quintan Gates, G-F, 6-7/Sr (9-3 ppg, 6 rpg); Hernal (Jeep) Jackson, G, 6-1/Soph (2-4 ppg, 3-5 apg).
Other Returnees: Tim Hardaway, G, 5-11/Soph (4-1 ppg); Mike Richmond, F-C, 6-8/Sr (8-5 ppg, 4-3 rpg, 64-4 FG%); Terry Stallworth, G, 6-4/Soph.
Newcomers: Chris Blocker, G-F, 6-5/Jr (Idaho State JC); Antonio Davis, F, 6-8/Fr; Richard Derrick, F, 6-7/Fr; Jerry Jones, F, 6-8/Fr (RS/grades); Keith Manuel, F-C, 6-9/Fr; Chris Sandle, F, 6-6/Jr (transfer, Arizona State).
1985-86 Record: 27-6, WAC: 12-4/T1st.

1986-87 Schedule

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|-------------------------|-----|-------------------|-----|
| Oregon State | N29 | Utah | J10 |
| Midwestern State (Tex.) | D1 | At Colorado State | J18 |
| Florida International | D3 | At Wyoming | J17 |
| Tip-Off Classic | D6 | Colorado State | J22 |
| At New Mexico State | D10 | At New Mexico | J26 |
| New Mexico State | D13 | New Mexico | J31 |
| At Georgetown | D20 | At Utah | F5 |
| At Lamar | D22 | At Brigham Young | F7 |
| Sun Bowl Tournament | D28 | San Diego State | F13 |
| Morgan State | D31 | Hawaii | F14 |
| At Hawaii | J3 | At Air Force | F21 |
| At San Diego State | J5 | Air Force | F26 |
| Brigham Young | J9 | Wyoming | F28 |

Brigham Young (Cougars)

Coach: Ladell Andersen (53-39, 3 years)
Starters Lost (1): Richie Webb, G (7-7 ppg).
Others Lost: Avernish Parrish, F, 6-5/Sr (9-4 ppg, 5-1 apg, transfer/Grand Canyon); Alan Pollard, F, 6-9/Jr (6-6 ppg, 6-3 rpg, transfer/Southern Cal).
Starters Returning (4): Bob Capener, G, 6-4/Sr (14-9 ppg); Jeff Chatman, F, 6-6/Jr (17-5 ppg, 5-2 rpg); Tom Gnelting, C, 6-10/Sr (8-6 ppg, 7-4 rpg); Brent Stephenson, F, 6-9/Sr (8-5 ppg, 4-1 rpg).
Other Returnees: Alan Astle, G, 6-6/Soph (LDS mission); Greg Humphries, F, 6-7/Sr (4-3 ppg, 3-4 rpg); Michael Smith, F, 6-10/Soph (LDS mission); Brian Taylor, G, 6-5/Jr (LDS mission); Jim Usevitch, C, 6-9/Jr (LDS mission); Brent Wade, G, 6-1/Sr.
Newcomers: Nathan Call, G, 6-0/Fr; Todd Gentry, G, 6-5/Fr; Marty Haws, G, 6-2/Fr; IRS, LDS mission; David Reeves, G, 6-3/Fr.
1985-86 Record: 18-14, WAC: 11-5/4th.
Site: Provo, Utah.

1986-87 Schedule

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|--------------------------|-----|--------------------|-----|
| At Oklahoma* | N2 | At Texas El Paso | J9 |
| Utah State | D3 | At New Mexico | J10 |
| At Notre Dame | D6 | San Diego State | J15 |
| At Iowa | D9 | Hawaii | J17 |
| Cougar Classic | D12 | At Air Force | J22 |
| At Utah State | D16 | At Utah | J24 |
| At Weber State | D20 | At Air Force | J30 |
| Oral Roberts | D20 | At Colorado State | J31 |
| Pittsburgh | D23 | New Mexico | F5 |
| Cable Car Classic | D29 | Texas El Paso | F7 |
| Colorado State | J2 | Utah | F14 |
| Wyoming | J3 | At Wyoming | F21 |
| Southwest Missouri State | J6 | At San Diego State | F26 |
| *Coca-Cola NFL | | At Hawaii | F28 |

New Mexico (Lobos)

Coach: Gary Colson (99-82, 8 years)
Starters Lost (1): Johnny Brown, F (20-9 ppg, 7-5 rpg, 55-4 FG%).
Others Lost: Shawn Brooks, C, 6-9/Jr (11-1 ppg, 5-7 rpg, suspended); Stoney Evans, F (transfer/Hawaii Pacific); Michael Moore, G, 6-6/Soph (transfer/Louisiana); Randal Moos, G (transfer/Santa Monica CC).
Starters Returning (4): Kelly Graves, G, 6-6/Sr (16-9 ppg, 2-7 rpg); Rob Loeffel, C, 7-0, 280/Soph (6-8 ppg, 3-1 rpg); Kelvin Scarborough, G, 6-1/Sr (10-8 ppg, 4-2 rpg, 4-9 apg, 1-7 rpg, 50-2 FG%); Mike Winters, F, 6-8/Sr (5-3 ppg, 5-1 rpg, 3-9 apg).
Other Returnees: Hunter Greene, G, 6-7/Jr (RS/ankle); Paul Lawson, G, 6-1/Jr (3-5 ppg); Larry Markland, F, 6-7/Jr; Brian Parker, C, 6-7/Soph.
Newcomers: George Adams, F, 6-8/Jr (JC); Marvin McBurroughs, G, 6-4/Fr; Darrell McGee, G, 6-0/Fr; Rob Robbins, G, 6-5/Fr.
1985-86 Record: 17-14, WAC: 8-5/5th.

1986-87 Schedule

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|------------------------|-----|--------------------|-----|
| Hawthorn Airlines Inv. | N28 | At Wyoming | J15 |
| Jackson State | D2 | At Air Force | J17 |
| At New Mexico State | D4 | Colorado State | J24 |
| Texas | D6 | Texas El Paso | J26 |
| daho | D8 | Miami (Fla.) | J29 |
| New Mexico Highlands | D10 | At Texas El Paso | J31 |
| New Mexico State | D20 | At Brigham Young | F5 |
| Ohio State | D23 | At Utah | F7 |
| Lobo Invitational | D26 | Hawaii | F13 |
| Winthrop (S.C.) | D30 | San Diego State | F14 |
| At San Diego State | J3 | Eastern Washington | F17 |
| At Hawaii | J5 | At Colorado State | F21 |
| Utah | J9 | Wyoming | F28 |
| Brigham Young | J10 | At Air Force | F28 |

Utah (Utes)

Coach: Lynn Archibald (48-48, 3 years)
Starters Lost (2): Manuel Hendrix, G (15-8 ppg); Jerry Stroman, F (11-8 ppg, 5-2 rpg).
Others Lost: Bobby Adair, F, 6-8/Jr (4-9 ppg, 4-8 rpg, transfer/Fullerton State); Kelvin Upshaw, G (11-7 ppg, 4 apg, 1-7 rpg, 83 FT%).
Starters Returning (3): Gale Gondrezick, G, 6-4/Jr (5-3 ppg, 3-1 rpg); Mitch Smith, F-C, 6-8/Soph (6-8 ppg, 7-6 rpg, 51-6 FG%); Albert Springs, F, 6-6/Sr (8-6 ppg, 6-8 rpg, 57-8 FG%).
Other Returnees: Tommy Connor, G, 5-11/Soph; Jimmy Madison, F, 6-8/Soph; Sie Moore, G-F, 6-5/Sr; Luka Pavlovic, G, 6-3/Soph (2-9 ppg).
Newcomers: Justin Brooks, C, 6-10/Fr; Larry Cain, F-C, 6-10/Fr; Marcel Mayboms, F, 6-9/Fr (from Holland); Pau Van Maren, C, 6-11/Fr (RS/foot); Wade Wyatt, G, 6-4/Fr.
1985-86 Record: 20-10, WAC: 12-4/T1st.
Site: Salt Lake City.

1986-87 Schedule

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|-------------------------|-----|--------------------|-----|
| San Diego | N28 | Hawaii | J15 |
| Northern (Calif.) State | N29 | San Diego State | J17 |
| At Colorado | D2 | At Air Force | J23 |
| At Arizona | D6 | Brigham Young | J24 |
| Utah State | D9 | At Colorado State | J29 |
| Weber State | D11 | At Wyoming | J31 |
| Pacific | D13 | Texas El Paso | F5 |
| Denver | D19 | New Mexico | F7 |
| Utah Classic | D22 | At Brigham Young | F14 |
| At Utah State | D27 | At Air Force | F19 |
| Wyoming | J2 | Notre Dame | F21 |
| Colorado State | J3 | At Hawaii | F26 |
| At New Mexico | J9 | At San Diego State | F28 |
| At Texas El Paso | J10 | | |

Colorado State (Rams)

Coach: Tony McAndrews (167-104, 6 years)
Starters Lost (2): John Dudley, G (8-6 ppg, 4 rpg, 3 apg); Rich Strong, C (16-8 ppg, 7-8 rpg, 55-3 FG%).
Others Lost: Ron McCrory, F, 6-7/Jr (8-1 ppg, 3-3 rpg, transfer/Montana State); Curtis Myles, G.
Starters Returning (3): Barry Bailey, F, 6-6/Jr (4-1 ppg, 4-6 rpg); Pat Durham, F, 6-7/Soph (4-6 ppg, 3-8 rpg); David Turcotte, G, 6-3/Jr (11-4 ppg, 3-8 rpg, 3-1 apg, 52-6 FG%).
Other Returnees: Anthony Goodrum, G, 6-3/Soph; Todd Gref, F, 6-7/Soph (2-8 ppg); Pazo Larsen, C, 6-9-240/Sr; Anthony Lee, G, 6-3/Sr (3-8 ppg, 2-1 rpg); Terry Talley, G, 6-0/Soph.
Newcomers: Scott Mabey, F, 6-8-235 Jr (JC); Max Nicholson, F-C, 6-9-235 Jr (JC); Paul Rademaker, C, 6-11, 240/Fr.
1985-86 Record: 11-18, WAC: 6-10/7th.
Site: Fort Collins, Colo.

1986-87 Schedule

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|----------------------|-----|---------------------|-----|
| Southern Colorado | N29 | At Air Force | J14 |
| Northern Colorado | D2 | Texas El Paso | J16 |
| Arizona | D4 | At Texas El Paso | J22 |
| Texas Christian | D6 | At New Mexico | J24 |
| Baylor | D8 | Utah | J30 |
| Colorado | D11 | Brigham Young | J31 |
| At North Texas State | D13 | At San Diego State | F5 |
| At Oklahoma | D20 | At Hawaii | F7 |
| Tulsa | D27 | At Air Force | F13 |
| Fris: Tulsa Classic | D29 | Wyoming | F14 |
| At Brigham Young | J2 | Hawaii | F19 |
| At Utah | J6 | New Mexico | F21 |
| At Wyoming | J3 | At Eastern Illinois | F25 |
| San Diego State | J10 | | |

San Diego State (Aztecs)

Coach: Smokeey Gaines (107-92, 7 years)
Starters Lost (4): Creon Dorsay, G (8-2 ppg, 2-8 rpg, 3-3 apg); Stefford Johnson, F (15-7 ppg, 8-4 rpg); John Martens, F (12-2 ppg, 7-3 rpg); Anthony Watson, G (22-5 ppg, 5-1 rpg, 3-4 apg, 2 spg).
Others Lost: Bobby Owens, G (7 ppg, 2-4 rpg).
Starters Returning (1): Kevin Brown, F-C, 6-8/Soph (2-9 ppg, 4-6 rpg).
Other Returnees: Jeff Bobin, F, 6-6/Soph; Tracy Dildy, G, 6-10/Soph (2-9 ppg); Darryl Gaines, G, 6-4/Soph (2-8 ppg); Josh Lowery, G, 6-4/Soph (8-1 ppg); Gerald Murray, F-C, 6-8/Jr (RS/kneecap); Johnny Scruggs, G, 6-4/Soph (3-9 ppg).
Newcomers: John Baskin, F, 6-8/Fr; Kent Bryant, F, 6-6/Fr; Juan Espinosa, F, 6-7/Jr (San Diego, JC); Rodney Hawkins, F, 6-8/Jr (JC); Gary Kline, F, 6-7/Fr; Tony Ross, G, 6-2/Fr.
1985-86 Record: 10-19, WAC: 7-9/6th.
Site: San Diego.

1986-87 Schedule

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|---------------------|-----|--------------------|-----|
| At UC Santa Barbara | D1 | At Utah | J17 |
| Arizona | D4 | Wyoming | J22 |
| San Diego | D11 | At Hawaii | J26 |
| Los Angeles State | D13 | U.S. International | J29 |
| Volunteer Classic | D19 | Miami (Fla.) | J31 |
| At Memphis State | D22 | Colorado State | F5 |
| Holiday Bowl Tour | D27 | At Air Force | F7 |
| Northern Iowa | D29 | At Texas El Paso | F13 |
| New Mexico | J3 | At New Mexico | F14 |
| Texas El Paso | J5 | At Wyoming | F19 |
| At Air Force | J8 | Hawaii | F21 |
| At Colorado State | J10 | Brigham Young | F26 |
| At Brigham Young | J15 | Utah | F28 |

Wyoming (Cowboys)

Coach: Jim Brandenburg (152-87, 8 years)
Starters Lost (1): Les Bolden, G (12-6 ppg, 4 rpg, 53-7 FG%, 81 FT%).
Starters Returning (4): Turk Boyd, G, 6-0/Jr (8 ppg, 2-5 rpg, 63-4 FG%); Fennis Dembo, G-F, 6-5/Jr (17 ppg, 6-7 rpg, 3-7 apg, 54 FG%); Eric Leckner, C, 6-11/Jr (15-8 ppg, 5-8 rpg, 1-3 bpg, 58-2 FG%); Jon Sommers, F, 6-6/Jr (6-9 ppg, 5-3 rpg).
Other Returnees: Mike Amundson, F, 6-9/Jr; Sean Dent, G, 6-0/Jr (3-9 ppg, 4-6 apg, 2-6 spg); Tim Hunt, F, 6-7/Sr; Dave Lodgins, F-C, 6-10/Jr (3 ppg); Rod Tyson, G, 6-4/Fr (2-3 ppg in six games before RS/ankle); Quinn Wirth, F, 6-7/Sr.
Newcomers: Reggie Fox, G, 6-3/Soph (JC); Steve Golsen, C, 7-0, 240/Fr; Wilke Jones, F, 6-6/Jr (JC); Kevin Richardson, G, 6-11/Jr (JC).
1985-86 Record: 24-12, WAC: 12-4/T1st.
Site: Laramie, Wyo.

1986-87 Schedule

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|-------------------|-----|--------------------|-----|
| Denver | N28 | New Mexico | J15 |
| Weber State | N29 | Texas El Paso | J17 |
| daho State | D5 | At San Diego State | J22 |
| Colorado | D6 | At Hawaii | J24 |
| At Texas Tech | D11 | At Air Force | J29 |
| At Hardin Simmons | D13 | Utah | J31 |
| At Nebraska | D20 | Chicago State | F6 |
| At Drake | D22 | At Air Force | F12 |
| Cowboy Shootout | D27 | At Colorado State | F14 |
| At Utah | J2 | San Diego State | F19 |
| At Brigham Young | J3 | Brigham Young | F21 |
| Colorado State | J6 | At New Mexico | F26 |
| Hawaii | J8 | At Texas El Paso | F28 |
| Louisville | J10 | | |

leader. Dembo should assume that role this year.

"We'll really miss Les," the 6-5 Dembo said. "He got us going when we needed it. I'm going to have to be more of a team leader. I've been working on my overall game all summer. I didn't get into any leagues, but I went hoopin' a lot back home. I think I've improved my game. I worked on my ball-handling and defense. I want to switch to guard. I think I'll be more comfortable there."

Juniors probably will occupy every spot in Brandenburg's starting lineup. Guard Turk Boyd and forward Jon Sommers started last year, while Sean Dent, a valuable sixth man who paced the league in steals a year ago, could take Bolden's spot.

Brandenburg said he wants Sommers and Dent to shoot more often.

"It's mind over matter," he said. "They must think they are scorers. They both have to become more offensive-minded. Instead of taking two or three shots a game, they must take eight or 10."

Like many WAC coaches, Brandenburg brought in several players who might be able to contribute immediately. Junior college transfers Reggie Fox, a sophomore guard, and Willie Jones, a junior forward, should provide depth.

Wyoming will be the clear favorite to repeat as WAC champion, but Brandenburg said it could be another tight race.

"Year in and year out, Texas-El Paso has the athletes and the program, not only to contend, but to win it all," Brandenburg said. "With (Arizona State transfer) Chris Sandle being eligible to play for them by the time the conference games begin in January, I think they have to be considered. New Mexico has Hunter Greene back. They'll be tough. They're always cohesive and consistent. BYU has a number of guys coming back off mission."

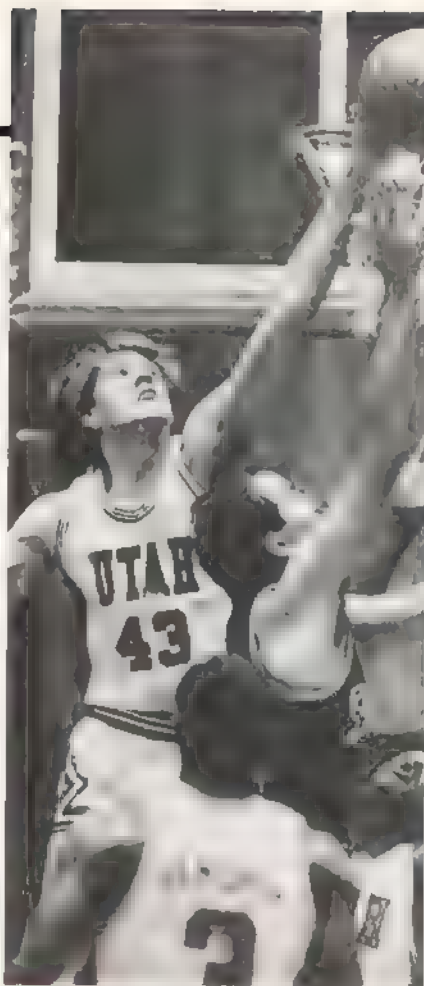
"Including us, that's the top four. I think there will be a tremendous amount of balance. It will be an entertaining league because everyone will be young."

In his 26th year at UTEP, Don Haskins may be facing his toughest coaching assignment. The question is whether anyone can fill the vacancies left by All-WAC center Dave Feitl and swingman Juden Smith, who led the Miners to outright or shared WAC championships in each of their four seasons.

Haskins will rebuild around swingman Quintan Gates and 6-9 forward-center Mike Richmond. His front line will be strengthened when Sandle, a hot-shooting junior, becomes eligible after the first semester and contends with Wayne Campbell for a starting forward job.

Senior Hernell (Jeep) Jackson can play both backcourt positions. Sophomores Tim Hardaway and Terry Stallworth also should be used extensively at guard.

Haskins has several new recruits on



Utah's Mitch Smith will be trying to improve on his impressive freshman season.

hand, but none is big enough to replace the 6-11 Feitl. The newcomers most likely to contribute this season are Sandle, freshman forward Antonio Davis and junior swingman Chris Blocker.

New Mexico should contend for the WAC title despite the loss of All-WAC forward Johnny Brown. Coach Gary Colson has three starters back from last year's fifth-place team, including guard Kelvin Scarborough, the league's assist leader the last two years.

The return of Greene, who was red-shirted because of an ankle injury last year, will give the Lobos another three-point threat to pair with guard Kelly Graves. But the Lobos need 7-foot Rob Loeffel to emerge at center.

Brigham Young appears to be in good shape with the return of the team's three leading scorers from last year. Add the five players returning from church missions and it's clear that this team could overtake Wyoming and the rest of the conference.

Forward Jeff Chatman (the league's top returning scorer with a 17.5 average), guard Bob Capener and center Tom Gneiting give the Cougars three solid returning starters. Such missionaries as forward Michael Smith, center Jim Usevitch and guard Brian Taylor will give Coach Ladell Andersen a pleasant prob-

lem when he makes out the lineup.

Utah may have trouble defending its share of last year's league crown. Coach Lynn Archibald's primary offensive firepower—guards Manuel Hendrix and Kelvin Upshaw and All-WAC forward Jerry Siroman—is gone.

But the Utes could bounce back from these losses behind the play of 6-8 forward-center Mitch Smith, the league's No. 2 rebounder as a freshman last year. Sophomore Jimmy Madison won the starting forward slot alongside senior Albert Springs when junior Bobby Adair transferred. Guards Gale Condrezick and Tommy Connor have the difficult chore of replacing Upshaw and Hendrix.

Archibald brought in three freshmen taller than 6-9, and with 6-11 freshman Paul Van Maren coming off a redshirt year, the Utes have the talent to finish in the first division.

Coach Smokey Gaines is promising that San Diego State will return to the run-and-shoot offense, although WAC Player of the Year Anthony Watson and three other starters have departed, leaving a giant hole in the Aztecs' offense.

Redshirt junior Gerald Murray returns after being sidelined last season with a broken kneecap. Murray is the only Aztec player with more than one year of Division I basketball experience. Gaines brought in two junior college players and four freshmen this season, and he has six sophomores returning. He'll need big improvement from guard Josh Lowery and forward-center Kevin Brown.

After watching his Rainbows go 4-24 in his first season, Hawaii Coach Frank Arnold packed his suitcase and did some serious recruiting. He wound up with eight new players who likely will see immediate action.

Center Rick Domonkos and guard Jerald Wrightsil are among three seniors and two sophomores returning from last season. Guard Chris Gaines, 6-11 center Peter Martin from New Zealand and Houston transfer Jamie Weaver head Arnold's recruiting class.

Colorado State lost All-WAC center Rich Strong, the only player in Rams history to start and play in every game in his career. But Coach Tony McAndrews has back a strong nucleus of guards David Turcotte and Anthony Lee and forwards Barry Bailey and Pat Durham. Junior college transfer Max Nicholson could become Strong's replacement.

Third-year Coach Reggie Minton had Air Force playing its best basketball at the end of last season. Although the Falcons finished 10-19, their play down the stretch had to inspire the eight lettermen who return. Minton will count on sophomore Mike Lockwood and junior Rob Marr for leadership. ■

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Weber State Is the Mercedes Among Big Sky Title Hopefuls

By JIM POORE

After Weber State had early success in basketball last winter, some grateful businessmen in Ogden, Utah, gave Coach Larry Farmer a Mercedes. Although Weber State slowed down in the last half of the season, going 8-11 after a 10-0 start, nobody has come forward to snatch the keys away from Farmer.

"They leased it, and my understanding was that after I put x-amount of miles on it, I turn it back in and they give me another one," said Farmer, who joined Weber State last season after a year away from coaching. "They haven't said anything about taking it back, so they must be pleased with the season we had."

Based on what Weber State has coming back this winter—and what the rest of the Big Sky Conference doesn't have returning—Farmer should be assured of riding around Ogden in style without fear of his car being repossessed.

That should be good news for Weber State fans, who have grown used to winning Big Sky titles in basketball. Last year the Wildcats finished 18-11 but had just a .500 record in league play (7-7).

But Weber State fans were patient for several reasons. First, Farmer had already proved himself at UCLA, which has eaten up post-John Wooden coaches with the grace of one of those creatures in "Aliens." Second, longtime Wildcat fans liked what Farmer had coming back this season—namely a front line that will be the Big Sky's best this fall.

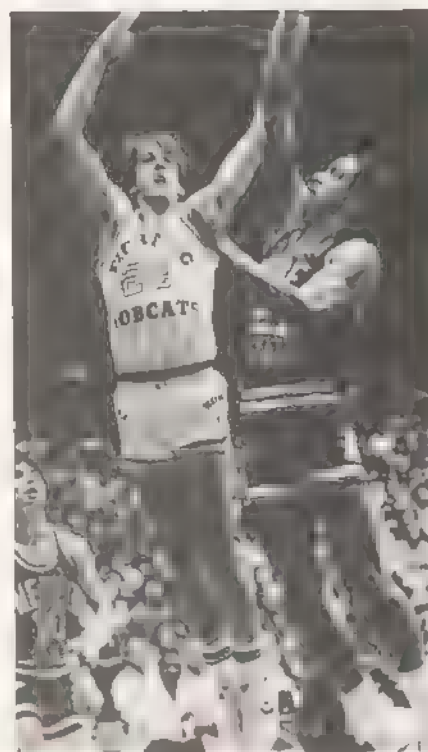
"I call these kids a blue-collar team," Farmer said. "This year, if they're going to be successful, they're going to have to have ring around that collar, and you get that ring with hard work and sweat. We're not going to walk in a gym and overpower anybody; we have to work hard."

Other Big Sky coaches might raise an eyebrow when Farmer talks about having a team that will not overpower league opponents. With Larry Krystkowiak and Dwyane Randall gone from Montana and Nevada-Reno, respectively, the Wildcats seem to have a monopoly on power front lines this year.

Forward Walt Tyler, who led the league in blocked shots a year ago, returns along with 6-foot-9 center Darryle McDaniel. Both started last year, while 6-8 Harry Willis and 6-5 Curtis Webster split time at forward. The addition of 6-10 junior college transfer Jeff Schofield gives Farmer a solid front line.

On the down side, Farmer must replace his starting backcourt. Webster could play guard along with part-time starter Robert Maxwell. Senior Terrell Clayton and junior college recruits Greg Boyd and Karl Anderson will compete for playing time.

It's hard to say which teams will give Weber State the biggest competition in



Montana State's Kral Ferch is a versatile performer who can damage opponents in many ways.

the league race. Among them will be Montana State, which won the league tournament last year but lost guard Tony Hampton, who led the Bobcats' running attack.

"I think that's our major need, to replace our floor leadership," Coach Stu Starner said. "We lose Tony, but at the same time we're going to be much improved at the other positions."

Hampton will be replaced by sophomore Shann Ferch or Chris Conway, a junior college recruit.

Otherwise, the Bobcats are set. Forward Kral (Don't Call Me Karl) Ferch, Shann's older brother, is a versatile performer who can damage an opponent in many ways. Also back are forward Tom Domako and guard Ray Willis, a defensive standout and Hampton's running mate last winter.

Bobcat fans are confident that the magic of last season will carry over to this year. Season-ticket sales were on a record-setting pace over the summer.

"It's been a long time since that happened at Montana State," Starner said.

Fans aren't nearly so optimistic at Montana. Gone are Krystkowiak, the Big Sky Most Valuable Player the last three years, and Mike Montgomery, who accepted the coaching job at Stanford.

Montgomery left Stew Morrill, his longtime assistant, little to work with. The entire front line is gone.

"It's a challenge," Morrill said. "We've got our hands full."

Morrill will rebuild around three seniors—last year's starting guards, Todd Powell and Scott Zanon, and 6-9 center Steve Vanek. The rest of the roster is cluttered with sophomores and freshmen. Sophomores K.C. McGowan and Wayne Tinkle will be expected to help Vanek up front.

Northern Arizona, which won the regular-season title a year ago, may have a tough time defending its crown. Seven lettermen are gone, including All-Big Sky picks Andy Hurd and Andre Spencer.

The best of Coach Jay Arnote's returnees are forward David Duane and guard Harry Payne, the league's assists leader. The Lumberjacks' front line also will feature 6-10 Troy Betton and 6-10 Shawn Herman. Redshirt freshman Scott Williams, whose father, Chuck, played professionally for Denver, is a good bet to start at guard.

Tim Floyd has people talking about a turnaround at Idaho. After being ranked in the Top 10 five years ago, Idaho's basketball program floundered, and that cost Bill Trumbo his job. Enter Floyd, an assistant at Texas-El Paso with a reputation for recruiting. Floyd didn't disappoint Vandal fans, bringing in six junior college transfers.

Now Floyd must determine whether they can play better than the Vandals' four holdover starters—guards Chris Carey and Ken Luckett and forwards Tom Stalick and Brian Coleman—and Ulf Spears, a starting swingman before being redshirted because of an ankle injury.

Idaho State, which was on NCAA probation last year and was ineligible for the Big Sky Tournament, went 15-12 in Coach Jim Boutin's first year. The Bengals return only one starter—All-Big Sky swingman Donn Holston, one of the league's best shooters (18.7 average)—so Boutin brought in seven transfers to help fill the holes.

After going to the NCAA Tournament the previous two years, Nevada-Reno fell to 13-15. With a tougher schedule and the loss of Randall and one other starter, the Wolf Pack could struggle again. Coach Sonny Allen will depend on forward-center David Wood to provide leadership for a young squad. Darryl Owens, one of six new junior college transfers, could be the answer at point guard.

At Boise State, Coach Bobby Dye is hoping to lead the Broncos out of the second division. His best players are swingman Eric Hayes and guard Chris Childs. Bill Perkins was expected to team with Childs to give the Broncos one of the league's top guard combinations, but he decided to go on a Mormon mission, leaving Dye one more hole to fill. ■

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Boise State (Broncos)

Coach: Bobby Dye (43-42, 3 years)
Starters Lost (3): Kelvin Rawlins, F (9.7 ppg, 8.2 rpg); Roland Smith, F (10.3 ppg), Craig Spjut, G (8.5 ppg)
Others Lost: Roland Jackson, G, Bill Perkins, G (8 ppg, 52.4 FG%)
Starters Returning (2): Chris Childs, G, 8-3/Soph (10.7 ppg, 2 spg); Jeff Kelley, C, 6-9/Sr (5.4 ppg)
Other Returnees: Eric Hayes, G-F, 6-8/Sr (8 ppg); John Martin, C, 8-8/Sr, Brian Sperry, F, 6-8/Soph; Steve Thomas, G, 8-3/Jr.
Newcomers: Greg Dodd, C, 6-9/Jr. (transfer/Utah); Jeff Foster, C, 6-10/Soph. (JC); Wilson Foster, G-F, 6-3/Jr. (JC); Jon Johnson, F, 6-8/Fr.; Arnell Jones, F, 6-8/Jr. (JC); David Lowery, F, 6-5/Fr.; Dan Olson, G, 6-2/Jr. (JC); Mike Sanor, F, 6-7/Jr. (transfer/NW Nazarene); Doug Ustalo, G, 6-1/Jr. (JC/RS)
1985-86 Record: 12-16, Big Sky: 8-8/7th
Site: Boise, Idaho

1986-87 Schedule

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| Real Dairy Classic | N28 | At Montana State | J22 |
| At San Diego | D4 | At Montana | J24 |
| At U.S. International | D6 | Northern Arizona | J29 |
| Southern Utah State | D13 | Nevada Reno | J31 |
| UC Irvine | D18 | At Weber State | F6 |
| Albertson's Classic | D19 | At Idaho State | F7 |
| Portland | D23 | Eastern Washington | F11 |
| At Gonzaga | D30 | At Idaho | F14 |
| At Eastern Washington | J31 | Montana | F14 |
| Eastern Montana | J33 | Montana State | F21 |
| Idaho State | J38 | At Nevada-Reno | F26 |
| Weber State | J10 | At Northern Arizona | F28 |
| Idaho | J17 | | |

Bold face denotes conference-leading totals.



Idaho State's Donn Holston.

Nevada-Reno (Wolf Pack)

Coach: Sonny Allen (99-74, 6 years)
Starters Lost (2): Rob Harden, G (13.2 ppg, 2.9 rpg, 4.3 apg, 85.9 FT%); Dwayne Randall, F (23 ppg, 10.5 rpg, 77.2 FT%)
Others Lost: Joey O'Connor, G, 6-3/Soph. (2.4 ppg, transfer)
Starters Returning (3): Jim Hart, G, 6-4/Jr. (5 ppg, 2 rpg); James Moore, F, 6-6/Sr (17.8 ppg, 4.7 rpg); David Wood, F-C, 6-8/Sr (9 ppg, 6 rpg, 51.6 FG%)
Other Returnees: Tommie Barnes, F, 6-4/Jr. (6.5 ppg, 4.5 rpg, 53.9 FG%); Mike Juby, G, 5-10/Jr.; Chris Rupp, F, 6-6/Soph. (8.5 ppg, 2.5 rpg)
Newcomers: Danny Bercyman, G, 6-3/Jr. (JC); Boris King, G, 6-2/Jr. (UC-Irvine, JC); Mario Martin, F, 6-5/Jr. (JC); Darryl Owens, G, 6-0/Soph. (JC); Bryon Stachan, G, 6-2/Jr. (JC); Doug Wall, C, 6-8/Jr. (transfer/Stanford)
1985-86 Record: 13-16, Big Sky: 7-7/5th
Site: Reno

1986-87 Schedule

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| California | N29 | At Montana State | J10 |
| At San Francisco | D1 | Northern Arizona | J17 |
| At Santa Clara | D2 | Weber State | J22 |
| San Diego | D6 | Idaho State | J24 |
| San Francisco | D9 | At Idaho | J29 |
| Nevada Las Vegas | D13 | At Boise State | J31 |
| Pepperdine | D15 | Mon and State | F5 |
| At Nevada Las Vegas | D17 | Montana | F7 |
| Sacramento State | D19 | At Northern Arizona | F14 |
| Wolf Pack Classic | D29 | At Idaho State | F19 |
| At Marshall | J3 | At Weber State | F21 |
| At Louisville | J5 | Boise State | F26 |
| At Murray | J8 | Idaho | F28 |

Idaho (Vandals)

Coach: Tim Floyd (first year at Idaho)
Starters Lost (1): Matt Haskins, G (5.3 ppg)
Others Lost: Matt Gregg, C (transfer), Barry Heada, G, 6-3/Soph. (transfer/UC-Irvine); Teddy Noel, G (6.8 ppg); Paul Verret, C, 6-9/Jr. (transfer/Gonzaga)
Starters Returning (4): Chris Carey, G, 5-10/Sr (11.0 ppg, 3.3 apg, 81.5 FT%); Brian Coleman, F, 6-8/Sr (5.1 ppg); Ken Luckett, G, 8-5/Jr (17.7 ppg), Tom Stalick, F, 6-8/Sr (10.7 ppg, 8.2 rpg)
Other Returnees: Steve Adams, F, 6-6/Jr. (RS/knee); Ulf Spears, G-F, 6-5/Jr. (RS/ankle)
Newcomers: Den Akms, F, 6-7/Fr.; James Allen, G, 6-5/Jr. (JC); Anthony Blackshire, F, 6-7/Jr. (JC); Jeff Chumbley, F, 6-7/Jr. (JC); James Fitch, F, 6-4/Soph. (JC); Andrew Jackson, F, 6-6/Soph. (JC); Vinson McCall, G, 5-8/Jr. (JC)
1985-86 Record: 11-18, Big Sky: 4-10/8th
Site: Moscow, Idaho

1986-87 Schedule

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| Inland Empire Tour | N28 | At Boise State | J17 |
| Graceland | D5 | At Montana | J22 |
| At New Mexico | D8 | At Montana State | J24 |
| Eastern Oregon | D11 | Nevada Reno | J29 |
| Puget Sound (Wash.) | D13 | Northern Arizona | J31 |
| Portland | D20 | At Idaho State | F6 |
| Fair West Classic | D26 | At Weber State | F7 |
| Washington State | J22 | Boise State | F14 |
| Hawaii Hilo | J33 | Montana State | F19 |
| Weber State | J38 | Montana | F21 |
| Idaho State | J10 | At Northern Arizona | F26 |
| At Eastern Washington | J14 | At Nevada-Reno | F28 |

Idaho State (Bengals)

Coach: Jim Boutin (15-12, 1 year)
Starters Lost (4): Dave Danforth, F-C (9.8 ppg, 5.7 rpg, RS/knee); Bruce Gator, F (8.3 ppg), Mike Graetz, G (5.9 ppg, 5.5 apg), Phil Rohr, G (9.6 ppg)
Others Lost: Steve Garnty, F (3.8 ppg, 2.2 rpg, LDS mission); Ron Hop, G; Greg Van Grouw, C, 6-9/Soph. (academically ineligible)
Starters Returning (1): Donn Holston, G-F, 6-5/Sr (18.7 ppg, 3.6 rpg)
Other Returnees: Rodney Purvis, G, 6-3/Sr. (4 ppg); Jim Rhode, G, 6-3/Soph.; Toros Yelenokian, F, 6-8/Sr. (3.8 ppg, 3.4 rpg)
Newcomers: Doug Allen, G, 6-5/Jr. (JC); Gordon Bean, F, 6-7/Jr. (JC); Chase Brown, F, 6-3/Jr. (Texas Tech, JC); Mike Chatterton, G, 5-10/Fr.; George Davis, F, 6-6/Jr. (JC); Rodney Hanna, G-F, 6-5/Jr. (JC); Troy Miles, G, 6-1/Jr. (Nevada Reno, JC)
1985-86 Record: 15-12, Big Sky: 8-6/3rd
Site: Pocatello, Idaho

1986-87 Schedule

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| Real Dairy Classic | N28 | Montana State | J15 |
| At Oregon | D3 | Montana | J17 |
| At Wyoming | D5 | At Northern Arizona | J22 |
| Southern Oregon State | D8 | At Nevada-Reno | J24 |
| Lewis & Clark (Ore.) | D12 | At Weber State | J31 |
| Eastern Washington | D13 | Idaho | F5 |
| Bayou Classic | D19 | Boise State | F7 |
| Butte Light Classic | D27 | At Montana | F12 |
| At Eastern Washington | J2 | At Montana State | F14 |
| At Gonzaga | J3 | Nevada Reno | F19 |
| At Boise State | J8 | Northern Arizona | F1 |
| At Idaho | J10 | Weber State | F28 |

Montana (Grizzlies)

Coach: Stew Morrill (first year at Montana)
Starters Lost (3): John Boyd, G-F (5.4 ppg, 4.1 rpg), Larry Kryskowick, F (22.2 ppg, 11.4 rpg, 57.8 FG%); Larry McBride, C (10.6 ppg, 4.4 rpg)
Others Lost: John Bates, F (4.8 ppg, 2.3 rpg), Marc Murphy, G, 8-5/Soph. (left team)
Starters Returning (2): Todd Powell, G, 6-3/Sr. (8 ppg), Scott Zanon, G, 6-0/Sr. (12.1 ppg, 5.4 apg)
Other Returnees: K.C. McGowan, F, 6-6/Soph.; Tony Reed, G, 6-3/Soph. (4.7 ppg); Wayne Tinkle, C, 6-9/Soph.; Steve Vanek, C, 6-9/Sr. (14.2 ppg)
Newcomers: Mike Ahlers, G, 6-4/Jr. (transfer/Washington State), Matt Boken, F-C, 6-10/Fr.; Nate Duchesne, G, 6-3/Soph. (JC); Kevin Harris, F, 6-8/Fr.; Eric Jordan, G, 6-2/Fr.; Tom Lytle, F, 6-7/Fr. (RS); Jeff Pelton, G-F, 6-5/Fr.; John Reckard, F, 6-7/Fr.; Mark Schultz, F, 6-8/Fr.
1985-86 Record: 21-11, Big Sky: 9-5/2nd
Site: Missoula, Mont.

1986-87 Schedule

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|-----------------------|-----|---------------------|-----|
| Oregon | N29 | Northern Arizona | J10 |
| At Washington State | D1 | At Weber State | J15 |
| Fresno State | D6 | At Idaho State | J17 |
| Southern Oregon State | D8 | Idaho | J22 |
| Champion Holiday Cl. | D12 | Boise State | J24 |
| Eastern Washington | D16 | At Montana State | J31 |
| UC-Irvine | D18 | At Northern Arizona | F5 |
| Pacific | D20 | At Nevada-Reno | F7 |
| Central Washington | D23 | Idaho State | F12 |
| Lewis & Clark (Ore.) | D29 | Weber State | F14 |
| At Santa Clara | J2 | At Boise State | F19 |
| At Portland | J3 | At Idaho | F21 |
| Nevada-Reno | J8 | Montana State | F28 |

Montana State (Bobcats)

Coach: Stu Starner (39-49, 3 years)
Starters Lost (2): Tony Hampton, G (14.3 ppg, 2.9 rpg, 5.1 apg, 54.8 FG%, 83.1 FT%), Greg Walters, C (9.5 ppg, 5.4 rpg, 52.5 FG%)
Starters Returning (3): Tom Domak, F, 6-8/Jr. (12.8 ppg, 6.5 rpg, 3.7 apg), Krae Ferch, F, 6-4/Sr. (16.1 ppg, 5.8 rpg, 82.7 FT%), Roy Willis, G, 6-0/Jr. (9.8 ppg, 2.2 rpg)
Other Returnees: Calvin Andrews, F, 6-7/Soph.; Mike Fellows, F-C, 8-9/Soph.; Shann Ferch, G, 6-2/Soph. (7.3 ppg); Clamon Jacobs, F-C, 6-6/Soph. (5.4 ppg, 3.2 rpg, 59.7 FG%); Michael Lipons, F, 6-6/Soph.; Scott Peiper, F, 6-7/Soph. (3.1 ppg)
Newcomers: Scott Anthony, F-C, 6-10/Fr.; Chris Conway, G, 6-2/Jr. (JC); Jamel Smith, F, 6-5/Jr. (JC); Steve Snodgrass, F-C, 6-8/Jr. (JC); Michael Vard, G, 6-4/Fr.
1985-86 Record: 14-17, Big Sky: 6-8/6th
Site: Bozeman, Mont.

1986-87 Schedule

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| At Indiana | N29 | At Idaho State | J15 |
| At Evansville | D1 | At Weber State | J17 |
| Eastern Washington | D5 | Boise State | J22 |
| San Diego | D8 | Idaho | J24 |
| Houston Baptist | D9 | At Eastern Washington | J26 |
| At Portland | D11 | Montana | J31 |
| Eastern Montana | D13 | At Nevada-Reno | J31 |
| Northwest Louisiana | D20 | At Northern Arizona | F5 |
| Prairie View A&M | D22 | Weber State | F12 |
| Cal Poly-Pomona | D27 | Idaho State | F14 |
| Warner Pacific (Ore.) | D30 | At Idaho | F19 |
| At St. Mary's | J3 | At Boise State | F21 |
| Northern Arizona | J8 | At Montana | F28 |
| Nevada-Reno | J10 | | |

Weber State (Wildcats)

Coach: Larry Farmer (18-11, 1 year)
Starters Lost (2): Guy Beach, G (6.5 ppg, 88.7 FT%), Alan Campbell, G (12.2 ppg, 5.3 rpg, 4.7 apg)
Others Lost: Gordon Schmidt, C (transfer/Simon Fraser); Rob Thomas, C (died in motorcycle accident)
Starters Returning (3): Darryle McDaniel, C, 6-9/Sr (18.9 ppg, 6 rpg, 52.3 FG%); Walt Tyler, F, 6-6/Sr (16.3 ppg, 5.1 rpg, 81.5 FT%, 1.8 bpg); Curtis Webster, F, 6-5/Sr. (10.7 ppg, 3.5 rpg, 83 FT%)
Other Returnees: Dale Baum, F, 6-5/Sr. (5 ppg); Terrell Clayton, G, 6-4/Sr.; Robert Maxwe, G, 6-0/Sr. (3.8 ppg, 91.6 FT%); Tim Tyler, F, 6-8/Jr. (10.6 ppg, 6.8 rpg, 10.6 ppg, 6.8 rpg)
Newcomers: Karl Anderson, G, 5-10/Jr. (JC); Greg Boyd, G, 6-4/Jr. (JC); Russel Gilson, G-F, 6-6/Fr.; Steve Mills, G, 6-0/Fr. (RS); Jeff Schofield, F-C, 6-10/Jr. (JC); Jason Trask, F, 6-7/Fr.; Curtis Williams, F, 6-5/Fr. (RS)
1985-86 Record: 18-11, Big Sky: 7-7/4th

1986-87 Schedule

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|---------------------|-----|---------------------|-----|
| At Colorado | N28 | Montana | J15 |
| At Wyoming | N29 | Montana State | J17 |
| Northern Cal State | D1 | At Nevada-Reno | J22 |
| Southern Utah State | D4 | At Northern Arizona | J24 |
| At Oregon | D6 | At Idaho | J29 |
| At Utah | D11 | Idaho State | J31 |
| Utah State | D13 | Boise State | F5 |
| Bright Young | D16 | Idaho | F7 |
| At Utah State | D20 | At Montana State | F12 |
| Louisiana Tech | D23 | At Montana | F14 |
| Miami of Ohio | D28 | Northern Arizona | F19 |
| Southern Colorado | J5 | Nevada Reno | F21 |
| At Idaho | J8 | At Idaho State | F28 |
| At Boise State | J10 | | |

A Star Is Shining Bright For San Diego, Pepperdine

By JAKE CURTIS

With only one victory in the last seven NCAA Tournaments, the West Coast Athletic Conference desperately needs a reputation boost that a Top 20 team or a star player can provide.

The former is probably out of the question this season, but the WCAC has two players—Scott Thompson of San Diego and Eric White of Pepperdine—who could attract some attention.

Besides playing for the two teams that should vie for the title, each two-time all-conference player is expected to carry his team, which should translate into impressive statistics. Unfortunately for the WCAC, neither has the flashy style that makes for good television highlights.

"The people who like Scott have watched him a lot," San Diego Coach Hank Egan said of his 7-foot center, whom many consider one of the two best big men on the West Coast, along with Washington's Chris Welp.

Not as quick or mobile as Welp, Thompson passes well for a center, consistently makes the short hook shot and turn-around bank shot, probably will lead the conference in rebounding and should block plenty of shots.

Jim Brovelli, who recruited Thompson before moving to San Francisco, calls Thompson a "no-mistakes player," which is nice for his team but hardly an attention-grabber.

"I heard everything, from him being a great scorer and rebounder to his being a very big, slow player who was not that good," said Egan, who in his second season directed the Toreros to a 19-9 mark, their best ever in Division I. "But when he came I saw all the subtleties in his game."

The only worry about Thompson, who averaged 14.4 points, 7.3 rebounds and 1.9 blocks per game last season, is his weight. He came to the opening practice at 265 pounds last year, about 20 pounds overweight. This summer?

"He ain't starving," Egan said.

Egan hopes he'll still be hungry this season because Thompson leads a senior-laden team that includes returning starters Nils Madden at forward and guard Paul Leonard. The loss of All-WCAC guard Pete Murphy and Mark Bostic will hurt, and point guard Danny Means must improve so-so 1986 statistics for San Diego to win the crown.

The Toreros did not lose nearly as much talent as Pepperdine, the conference champ five of the last six seasons. But despite the loss of three starters, including two-time WCAC Most Valuable Player Dwayne Polee, the Waves are the favorites again.

White is why. His statistics mirror Thompson's, but many consider him the league's best player because he makes his



Eric White is the reason Pepperdine fans are thinking big in 1986-87.

contributions when they matter most.

"When you're 20 points ahead you kind of coast, but when the game's on the line, that's really the show time," said White, whose smooth, easy style reminds people of Jamaal Wilkes.

"Sometimes people wonder, 'Is he going hard?'" Coach Jim Harrick said. "He's not spectacular or flashy, but he really hurts you."

Harrick likes that. "Coach says he wants me to be a monster this year," White said.

That's because junior center Levy Middlebrooks is the only other returning starter. But the San Francisco pipeline may fill the gaps.

Both White and Middlebrooks are from San Francisco, as is forward Dexter Howard, a redshirt freshman, and junior college transfer Ed (Topper) Allen. Guard Donny Moore, a junior college transfer from San Jose, may complete an all-Bay Area starting five, although Harrick would like to play 6-10 redshirt freshman Casey Crawford, who could give Pepperdine the size it lacked last season.

After Pepperdine and San Diego, any of four teams—San Francisco, Loyola Marymount, Gonzaga and St. Mary's—could be a contender by the time the WCAC's first postseason tournament rolls around in February.

San Francisco will field a completely different team from the one that finished

7-21 in the Dons' first season since 1982.

The only USF returnee expected to start is point guard Rodney Tention, who was lost in the sixth game last season with a gruesome broken elbow. USF was 4-1 with Tention, 3-20 without him.

Tention will have more talent around him with the addition of three junior college transfers—guard Keith Jackson, forward Patrick Clardy and center Joe Seager. Add forward Pat Giusti, an Oregon State transfer, and the pressure will be off sophomore Mark McCathrion, a high school star but a disappointment last season.

Gonzaga must revive a backcourt that lost All-WCAC guard Jeff Condill. Sophomore Jim McPhee, the team's best player, may move from forward to guard, allowing Coach Dan Fitzgerald to field a rugged frontcourt of 6-10 Mike Champion, 6-8 Dale Haaland and 6-7 Danny Roe.

Success will depend on the development of guards Marlon Wadlington and Cass Gebbers, a pair of junior college transfers.

Loyola Marymount lost 41.1 points per game when the nation's highest-scoring backcourt—Keith Smith and Forrest McKenzie—completed its eligibility. But the Lions return starting forwards Mark Armstrong and Mike Yost, and sophomore Enoch Simmons was impressive as the third guard.

Vic Lazzaretti will bounce people around in the middle, but Coach Paul Westhead needs production from guard Chris Nikchevich, a Brigham Young transfer.

New St. Mary's Coach Lynn Nance is taking over what was one of the nation's youngest teams last season. Three freshmen, two sophomores and a junior started at least 13 games apiece last season, but the heart of the team is All-WCAC guard Paul Robertson, the league's best outside shooter.

Forward Robert Haugen was the WCAC Freshman of the Year last season, but fellow sophomores David Carter and 7-foot Randy Gil must improve. Junior college transfer Anthony McCrady may help the backcourt.

With the loss of do-everything Steve Kenilvort, Santa Clara will do well to match last season's .500 conference record. Three starters return, including 6-9 Dan Weiss, but Coach Carroll Williams needs a big year from sophomore forward Jens Gordon.

Coach Jack Avina may have had his best recruiting season ever at Portland by landing freshman guard Greg Anthony, the Nevada high school Player of the Year, and junior college guard Robert Phillips. Another guard, Thomas Thompson, is the lone returning starter, so the frontcourt is a weak spot. ■

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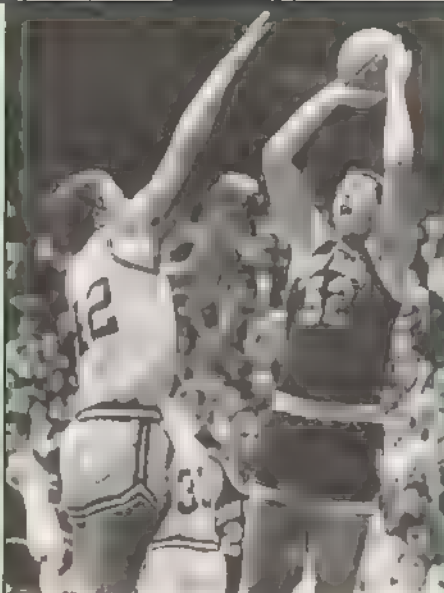
Gonzaga (Bulldogs)

Coach: Dan Fitzgerald (86-42, 4 years)
Starters Lost (2): Jeff Condit, G (13.2 ppg, 3.8 rpg, 4.1 apg, 1.5 spg), Dwan Hunt, G (4.7 ppg).
Others Lost: John Hobbs, F-C (3.8 ppg, 3.1 rpg).
Starters Returning (3): Mike Champion, F-C, 8-10/Sr (6 ppg, 3.5 rpg); Dale Healand, C, 6-8/Sr (9.4 ppg, 6.3 rpg, 5.7 FG%); Jim McPhee, G-F, 6-4/Soph (10.7 ppg, 3.8 rpg, 8.1 FT%).
Other Returnees: Roger Bock, C, 6-9/Sr (3.7 ppg); Lennie Parham, G, 6-0/Sr; Danny Roe, F, 6-7/Jr (10.1 ppg, 3.4 rpg); Doug Spradley, G, 6-3/Soph; Paul Walker, G, 6-3/Soph; Nick Zaharias, F, 8-7/Sr.
Newcomers: Chris Delaney, F, 6-8/Fr.; Martin Dioli, F-C, 6-9/Fr.; Brian Fredrickson, F, 6-8/Fr.; Cass Gubbers, G, 6-1/Jr. (JC); Andrew Snyder, F, 6-8/Jr. (JC); Marlon Wadlington, G, 5-11/Jr. (JC); Mike Winger, G, 6-2/Fr.
1985-86 Record: 15-13; WCAC: 8-6/4th
Site: Spokane, Wash

1986-87 Schedule

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|------------------------|-----|------------------------|-----|
| Rosauer's-Alpo Classic | N28 | At Pepperdine | J16 |
| Montana Tech | D2 | At Loyola Marymount | J17 |
| At Idaho | D5 | At Eastern Washington | J20 |
| Whitworth (Wash.) | D8 | Portland | J24 |
| At Washington State | D10 | San Francisco | J29 |
| Oregon State | D13 | Santa Clara | J31 |
| Eastern Washington | D20 | At Santa Clara | F6 |
| Lewis & Clark (Ore.) | D22 | At San Francisco | F7 |
| Whitman (Wash.) | D27 | Loyola Marymount | F12 |
| Boise State | D30 | Pepperdine | F14 |
| Idaho State | J3 | At San Diego | F19 |
| St. Mary's (Calif.) | -8 | At St. Mary's (Calif.) | F21 |
| San Diego | J10 | At Portland | F25 |

Bold face denotes conference-leading totals.



San Diego's Scott Thompson.

San Diego (Toreros)

Coach: Hank Egan (35-20, 2 years)
Starters Lost (2): Mark Boscoe, F (8.8 ppg, 3.6 rpg); Pete Murphy, G (12.6 ppg, 3.3 rpg, 53.8 FG%).
Others Lost: Mario Coronado, F-C, James Knight, F.
Starters Returning (3): Paul Leonard, G, 8-1/Sr (6.8 ppg, 3.3 rpg, 3.4 apg); Nils Madden, F, 8-8/Sr (9.3 ppg, 5.6 rpg, 59.2 FG%, 80.6 FT%); Scott Thompson, C, 7-0, 260/Sr (14.4 ppg, 7.3 rpg, 1.9 bpg, 55.2 FG%).
Other Returnees: Steve Krallman, F-C, 6-8/Sr (3.1 ppg, 2.5 rpg); Danny Means, G, 6-1/Soph (2.6 ppg).
Newcomers: Brian Anderson, F, 8-6/Fr. (RS); Dondi Bell, F, 6-8/Fr.; Craig Cotrell, G-F, 6-6/Fr.; Mike Haupt, G-F, 8-5/Soph. (transfer/San Diego State); Marty Munn, G-F, 6-8/Jr. (JC); George Tarkanian, G, 6-2/Jr. (JC/RS/knee).
1985-86 Record: 19-9 WCAC: 9-5/3rd
Site: San Diego

1986-87 Schedule

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|---------------------|-----|---------------------|-----|
| At Utah | N28 | Santa Clara | J16 |
| Boise State | D4 | San Francisco | J17 |
| At Nevada Reno | D6 | At San Francisco | J23 |
| At Minnesota State | D8 | At Santa Clara | J24 |
| At San Diego State | D11 | Loyola Marymount | J29 |
| At UC Santa Barbara | D13 | Pepperdine | J31 |
| Albertson's Classic | D19 | At Pepperdine | F6 |
| Rice | D23 | At Loyola Marymount | F7 |
| Loyola (Md.) | D27 | U.S. International | F12 |
| Colorado | D31 | St. Mary's (Calif.) | F14 |
| Ohio Northern | J2 | Gonzaga | F19 |
| At Portland | J8 | Portland | F21 |
| At Gonzaga | J10 | At St. Mary's | F25 |

Loyola Marymount (Lions)

Coach: Paul Westhead (19-11, 1 year)
Starters Lost (3): Fred Bradford, C (4.4 ppg, 5.3 rpg); Forrest McKenzie, G (20.1 ppg, 7.8 rpg, 82.6 FT%); Keith Smith, G (21 ppg, 7 apg).
Starters Returning (2): Mark Armstrong, F, 6-6/Jr (5.7 ppg, 7 rpg); Mike Yeast, F, 6-7/Jr. (11.3 ppg, 4.9 rpg, 53.3 FG%, 82.8 FT%).
Other Returnees: Darryl Carter, F-C, 6-8/Sr (3.2 ppg, 3.2 rpg); Hunter Knapp, F, 6-6/Jr.; Vic Lazzaretto, F-C, 6-8/Sr (5.9 ppg, 5 rpg, 55.4 FG%); Enoch Simmons, G, 6-4/Soph (9 ppg); Dennis Vogel, G, 6-4/Sr (3.5 ppg).
Newcomers: Jeff Fryer, G, 6-2/Fr.; Chris Nikitchevich, G, 6-3/Sr. (transfer/Brigham Young); Jeff Roscoe, F, 8-7/Fr.; Marcus Slater, F, 6-9/Fr.; John Veargason, C, 6-9/Soph. (JC).
1985-86 Record: 19-11; WCAC: 10-4/2nd
Site: Los Angeles

1986-87 Schedule

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|--------------------------|-----|------------------------|-----|
| Azusa Pacific (Calif.) | N28 | Portland | J16 |
| Susquehanna (Pa.) | D1 | Gonzaga | J17 |
| Amaru Hawkeye Classic | D3 | Chapman (Calif.) | J20 |
| Long Beach State | D13 | At Pepperdine | J24 |
| Southern California Col. | D16 | At San Diego | J29 |
| At Brooklyn | D17 | At St. Mary's (Calif.) | J31 |
| At Loyola of Chicago | D19 | St. Mary's (Calif.) | F6 |
| At Fullerton State | D23 | San Diego | F7 |
| Loyola (Md.) | D28 | At Gonzaga | F12 |
| Marquette | D31 | At Portland | F14 |
| U.S. International | J3 | San Francisco | F20 |
| At Santa Clara | J8 | Santa Clara | F21 |
| At San Francisco | J10 | Pepperdine | F25 |

Portland (Pilots)

Coach: Jack Ayina (208-229, 18 years)
Starters Lost (4): Dwayne Corbett, G (7 ppg, 3.9 apg); Fred Harris, G (13.5 ppg, 3.9 rpg); Dan Hunt, F (17.2 ppg, 6.2 rpg); James Van Ness, C (4 rpg).
Others Lost: Tony Havior, F (11.5 ppg, 4.4 rpg); John Piwarchuck, C, 6-9/Jr. (transfer).
Starters Returning (1): Thomas Thompson, G, 6-0/Soph (7.6 ppg, 2.4 rpg, 3 apg, 54.9 FG%).
Other Returnees: Rich Antea, F-C, 6-9/Soph (3.9 ppg); Greg Attaway, G, 6-3/Jr. (8.4 ppg); Edgar Foreman, F, 6-5/Jr. (4.3 ppg); Jarvis Helaire, F-C, 6-7/Soph.
Newcomers: Greg Anthony, G, 6-3/Fr.; Andy Johnson, F, 6-6/Fr.; William McDowell, F, 6-7/Fr.; Jeff Parns, F, 6-8/Fr.; Robert Phillips, G, 6-4/Jr. (JC); Adam Simmons, C, 6-7/Jr. (transfer/Southern Miss).
1985-86 Record: 13-15; WCAC: 4-10/6th
Site: Portland, Ore

1986-87 Schedule

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| St. Martin's (Wash.) | N28 | At Loyola Marymount | J16 |
| San Jose State | N29 | At Pepperdine | J17 |
| Eastern Washington | D2 | Pacific Lutheran (Wash.) | J20 |
| At Oregon State | D8 | At Gonzaga | J24 |
| At Washington | D9 | Santa Clara | J29 |
| Montana State | D11 | San Francisco | J31 |
| Cal Poly Pomona | D13 | At San Francisco | F6 |
| At Idaho | D20 | At Santa Clara | F7 |
| At Boise State | D23 | Pepperdine | F12 |
| Antelope Classic | D28 | Loyola Marymount | F14 |
| Montana | J3 | At St. Mary's (Calif.) | F19 |
| San Diego | J8 | At San Diego | F21 |
| St. Mary's (Calif.) | J10 | Gonzaga | F25 |

San Francisco (Dons)

Coach: Jim Brovelli (7-21, 1 year)
Starters Lost: None
Others Lost: Jimmy Gron, G (13.1 ppg).
Starters Returning (8): Mike D'Alorsia, G, 6-4/Soph (7.8 ppg); Robbie Grigsby, G, 5-10/Soph (5.8 ppg); Anthony Mann, F, 6-5/Sr (10.4 ppg, 3.8 rpg); Ken Ramirez, F, 6-7/Sr (18.6 ppg, 5 rpg); Peter Reitz, C, 6-11/Sr (5.8 ppg, 5.3 rpg).
Other Returnees: Bill Carr, G, 6-2/Sr.; Steve Hill, F, 6-6/Sr. (18.8 ppg, 5.7 rpg, 55.8 FG%); Mark McCarthion, F, 6-8/Soph (9.8 ppg, 5.1 rpg); Rodney Tenton, G, 6-2/Jr. (RS/Elbow); Darrell Walker, F, 6-5/Soph.
Newcomers: Al Attles Jr., G, 6-2/Jr. (transfer/San Diego St.); Patrick Clardy, F, 6-8/Jr. (Fullerton St., JC); Kevin Ellis, G, 6-4/Fr.; Pat Guisti, F, 6-9/Jr. (transfer/Oregon State); Keith Jackson, G, 6-2/Jr. (JC); Joe Seager, C, 6-10, 240/Jr. (Oklahoma, JC).
1985-86 Record: 7-21; WCAC: 2-12/8th

1986-87 Schedule

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| St. Thomas (Minn.) | N29 | At St. Mary's (Calif.) | J15 |
| Nevada-Reno | D1 | At San Diego | J17 |
| At Pacific | D4 | San Diego | J23 |
| California | D6 | St. Mary's (Calif.) | J24 |
| At Nevada Reno | D9 | At Gonzaga | J29 |
| Northern Montana | D13 | At Portland | J31 |
| Central Connecticut State | D19 | Portland | F6 |
| Met Life Classic | D22 | Gonzaga | F7 |
| Stanislaus (Calif.) State | D26 | At Santa Clara | F14 |
| Rochester Classic | D29 | At Loyola Marymount | F20 |
| Sonoma (Calif.) State | J5 | At Pepperdine | F21 |
| Pepperdine | J9 | San Clara | F25 |
| Loyola Marymount | J10 | | |

Pepperdine (Waves)

Coach: Jim Harrick (138-66, 7 years)
Starters Lost (3): Anthony Frederick, F (8.4 ppg, 8.9 rpg, 2.1 bpg); Jon Korfas, G (8.8 ppg, 6.2 apg, 83.1 FT%); Dwayne Potee, G (15.7 ppg, 4.2 apg).
Others Lost: David Brittain, C (4 ppg); Grant Gondre-zick, G (13.3 ppg, 3.7 rpg); Mike Mounts, C.
Starters Returning (2): Levy Middlebrooks, C, 6-7/Jr (8.2 ppg, 6.2 rpg); Eric White, F, 6-8/Sr (15.3 ppg, 6.5 rpg, 56.6 FG%).
Other Returnees: Jim Harrick Jr., G, 5-10/Jr.; Marty Wilson, G, 6-3/Jr.
Newcomers: Edward Allen, G, 8-2/Jr. (JC); Frake Beji, C, 7-0/Fr. (from Holland); Casey Crawford, C, 8-10/Fr. (RS); Mike Cumberland, F, 6-7/Jr. (JC); Craig Davis, G, 6-2/Fr. (RS); Dexter Howard, F, 6-7/Fr. (RS); Donny Moore, G, 6-0/Jr. (JC).
1985-86 Record: 25-5; WCAC: 13-1/1st
Site: Malibu, Calif

1986-87 Schedule

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| Oklahoma State | N29 | Gonzaga | J16 |
| McNeese State | D1 | Portland | J17 |
| At UCLA | D6 | Gonzaga State | J20 |
| Long Beach State | D11 | Loyola Marymount | J24 |
| At Washington State | D13 | At St. Mary's | J29 |
| At Nevada Reno | D16 | At San Diego | J31 |
| At Fullerton State | D19 | San Diego | F6 |
| At UC Irvine | D20 | St. Mary's (Calif.) | F7 |
| UC Santa Barbara | D22 | At Portland | F12 |
| Milwaukee Classic | D26 | At Gonzaga | F14 |
| DePaul | D30 | Santa Clara | F20 |
| At San Francisco | J9 | San Francisco | F21 |
| At Santa Clara | J10 | At Loyola Marymount | F25 |

St. Mary's (Gael)

Coach: Lynn Nance (first year at St. Mary's)
Starters Lost: None
Others Lost: Daryl Smith, G (6.2 ppg).
Starters Returning (5): David Carter, G, 5-10/Soph (5.4 ppg, 6.4 rpg); Robert Haugen, F, 6-7/Soph (13.1 ppg, 7.4 rpg, 84.9 FG%, 80.9 FT%); Keith Martin, F, 6-7/Jr. (10.5 ppg, 4.6 rpg); Scott Mayer, C, 6-9/Jr. (10.2 ppg, 5.1 rpg); Paul Robertson, G, 6-1/Sr. (15.8 ppg, 3.1 rpg, 51.6 FG%, 86.6 FT%).
Other Returnees: Matt Bear, G, 6-10/Soph; Randy Gil, C, 7-0/Soph. (4 ppg); Mike Harris, G, 6-2/Jr. (2.3 ppg); David Thomas, F, 6-7/Soph (2.4 ppg, 2.6 rpg); Aubrey Walton, F, 6-6/Soph (5.4 ppg, 3 rpg).
Newcomers: Dan Curry, C, 8-3/Soph. (transfer/Santa Jose State); Sly Hunter, G, 6-3/Jr. (JC); Anthony McCrady, G, 6-4/Jr. (JC).
1985-86 Record: 10-17; WCAC: 3-11/7th
Site: Moraga, Calif

1986-87 Schedule

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|---------------------------|-----|---------------------|-----|
| At Hawaii | N29 | San Francisco | J15 |
| San Francisco State | D4 | Santa Clara | J17 |
| At Pacific | D6 | At Santa Clara | J23 |
| At Stanford | D13 | At San Francisco | J24 |
| U.S. International | D15 | Pepperdine | J23 |
| At California | D17 | Loyola Marymount | J31 |
| Central Michigan | D19 | At Loyola Marymount | F6 |
| Utah Classic | D22 | At Pepperdine | F7 |
| Central Connecticut State | D27 | At San Diego | F14 |
| Seattle | J2 | Portland | F19 |
| Montana State | J3 | Gonzaga | F21 |
| At Gonzaga | J8 | San Diego | F25 |
| At Portland | J10 | | |

Santa Clara (Broncos)

Coach: Carroll Williams (248-191, 15 years)
Starters Lost (2): Steve Kenilvort, G-F (16.5 ppg, 6.1 rpg, 3.9 apg); Ken Mulkey, G (11.1 ppg).
Others Lost: Uwe Sauer, G (returned to Germany).
Starters Returning (3): Mitch Burley, G-F, 8-5/Soph (17.5 ppg, 3 rpg, 80 FT%); Dan Weiss, F-C, 6-9/Jr (8.9 ppg, 4.4 rpg, 54 FG%); Matt Wilgenbush, F, 6-8/Sr (7.7 ppg, 5.1 rpg, 52.7 FG%).
Other Returnees: David Aaron, G, 6-6/Soph.; Jens Gordon, F, 6-8/Soph (6.7 ppg, 4 rpg, 62.6 FG%); Chris Lane, G, 6-2/Jr. (4 ppg); Brian Moody, F, 6-7/Sr. (2.7 ppg, 2.3 rpg); Larry Rask, G, 6-4/Jr.; Darin Underwood, F-C, 6-9/Sr. (2.7 ppg).
Newcomers: Ose Applah, G, 6-3/Fr.; Rodney Brown, G, 6-3/Fr.; Roland H'Orvath, F, 6-4/Jr. (JC); Karl Larsen, C, 6-11/Fr. (RS); Craig McPherson, F, 6-9/Jr. (JC).
1985-86 Record: 12-16; WCAC: 7-7/5th
Site: Santa Clara, Calif

1986-87 Schedule

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|-------------------|-----|------------------------|-----|
| UC Santa Barbara | N28 | Pepperdine | J10 |
| At UCLA | N29 | At San Diego | J15 |
| Nevada Reno | D2 | At St. Mary's (Calif.) | J17 |
| UC Davis | D6 | St. Mary's (Calif.) | J23 |
| Early Season Tour | D12 | San Diego | J24 |
| At San Jose State | D18 | At Portland | J29 |
| Seattle Pacific | D20 | At Gonzaga | J31 |
| At Pacific | D22 | Gonzaga | F6 |
| At Fresno State | D23 | Portland | F7 |
| Cabot Car Classic | D28 | San Francisco | F14 |
| Montana | J2 | At Pepperdine | F20 |
| Seattle | J9 | At Loyola Marymount | F21 |
| Loyola Marymount | J10 | At San Francisco | F25 |

Where's the Beef?

Speed, Quickness Are Notre Dame's 1986-87 Weapons

By JOEL BIERIG

In the wake of an embarrassing opening-round loss to Arkansas-Little Rock in the NCAA Tournament, the emphasis will shift from bruising to cruising at Notre Dame this year.

Faced with the loss of key bullies up front, Coach Digger Phelps planned to call on point guard David Rivers, running mate Mark Stevenson and forward Donald Royal to key a faster-paced offense that would reflect lessons learned in the Fighting Irish's plodding loss to a quick group of upstarts from UALR.

"I'd like to press more," Phelps said. "We've got good quickness, and we'll use it to make up for losing those bulky bodies up front."

"Those bulky bodies" belonged to forwards Ken Barlow and Jim Dolan, center Tim Kempton and super sub Joseph Price. That group helped the Irish to an 84-37 record, four consecutive postseason appearances, three straight 20-victory seasons and two straight NCAA bids.

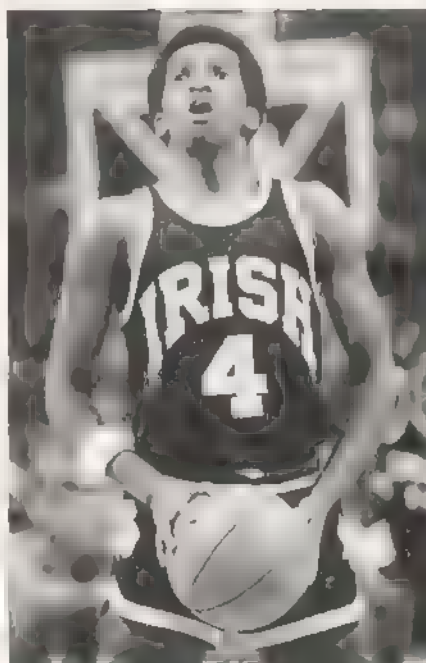
But with Rivers on hand for his junior season, the Fighting Irish still appeared to be in a position to equal or surpass last year's 23-6 record. That, however, was before an August 24 accident in which a van driven by Barlow ran off a road and overturned. Barlow suffered minor injuries, but Rivers was thrown through the windshield and suffered a severe cut to the abdomen. He will miss the first six to eight games of the year—and possibly the entire season.

"The doctors said he was pretty lucky it didn't hit any major organs," a Notre Dame spokesman said, adding, "He won't be shooting any jump shots for a while, that's for sure."

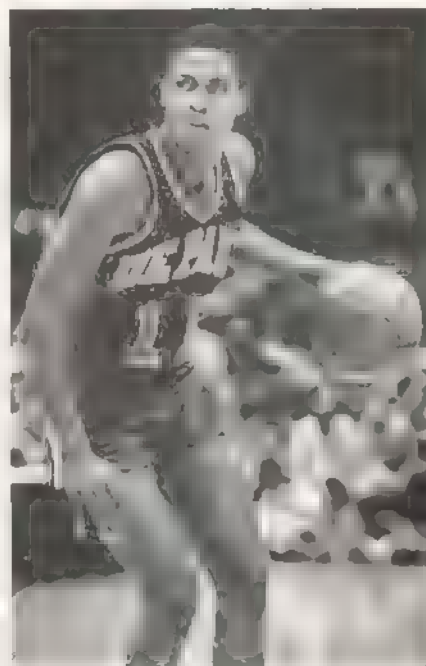
Rivers led Notre Dame with 16.7 points per game and 138 assists. Royal, whom Phelps considers a potential first- or second-round National Basketball Association draft pick, is the lone returnee from a front line that led the nation in rebounding margin. Junior center Gary Voce and sophomore forward Sean Connor must fill those holes.

Phelps also will welcome contributions from freshmen Scott Paddock, Tony Jackson and Joe Fredrick. The Irish suffered a big blow, however, when prep All-American Keith Robinson failed to qualify academically for freshman eligibility.

DePaul lived in Notre Dame's shadow until the NCAA Tournament, when the Blue Demons returned to the spotlight.



David Rivers (above) will keep Notre Dame's offense on the move while DePaul will rely on playmaker Rod Strickland.



After earning a surprise bid on the strength of their schedule, the Demons knocked off Virginia and Oklahoma. They finally lost to national runner-up Duke, but for Coach Joey Meyer, their strong 18-13 finish turned a lot of boos to coos. The 37-year-old son of former DePaul coach Ray Meyer now has a two-year record of 37-23 with two NCAA appearances.

Meyer will try to make it three straight with a young team led by senior forward

Dallas Comegys, who was the Demons' second-leading scorer and rebounder last year but is yet to reach the high performance level expected of him.

"Dallas will have to contribute in a lot of ways," Meyer said. "Not just in talent, but in leadership. It's his last go-round. I think he realizes it's a big year for him."

Comegys and sophomore point guard Rod Strickland, who broke the school's freshman records for assists (159) and steals (69) and led the team in scoring, face a heavy burden after the graduation of Kevin Holmes, Lemone Lampley and Marty Embry, all of whom were drafted by NBA teams.

Junior college transfers Kevin Edwards and Phil James should play key roles. Edwards could be the answer to DePaul's longtime problems at shooting guard, while James could give the Demons a true small forward.

Junior Andy Laux and sophomore Terence Greene are experienced guard candidates. For front-line help, Meyer will look to sophomore Stanley Brundy, 6-11 redshirt freshman James Hamby and 6-9 freshmen Kevin Holland and Charles Sowell.

The first order of business for Bob Dukiet, who left St. Peter's to take over for Rick Majerus at Marquette, is to figure out how to replace a key trio of players—Kerry Trotter, Benny Moore and Walter Downing.

"I know we're losing 32.5 points from our lineup," said Dukiet, whose name rhymes with Marquette, "and I don't know where we'll pick up the slack."

He can start with forward David Boone, who led the Warriors in scoring (15.3) and was ninth nationally in rebounding (10.6). Then he can look to 6-10 Tom Copa, who shared the center job with Downing, and guard Kevin Johnson, who led the team with 55 steals. Another backcourt hold-over is junior Michael (Pop) Sims.

Dukiet, who inherited 7-foot redshirt freshman Roman Muller and plenty of other tall players, will rely on defense as he tries to guide Marquette into the NCAA Tournament after National Invitation Tournament appearances in Majerus' three seasons.

"I'm new, but I'll speak the language, and these kids understand English," Dukiet said. "We'll still do some things Coach Majerus believed in. We'll teach defense, sharing the ball and playing together—words they've heard before. . . ."

"If we don't win," said Dukiet, an accomplished pianist, "they'll tell me to go back to the Jersey shore and play the piano. But that won't pay the rent."

Dukiet's song and dance doesn't fool Dayton Coach Don Donohue. A 10-point, late-season loss to Dukiet's St. Peter's team helped kill Dayton's chances of

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Chicago State (Cougars)

Coach: Bob Hallberg (213-87, 9 years)
Starters Lost (2): Paul Beene, G (14.9 ppg, 2.3 rpg, 1.7 spg); Darron Brittman, G (18.2 ppg, 3.3 rpg, 5.6 apg, 5.0 3 FG%)
Others Lost: Lafayette Watkins, F (4 ppg, 2.2 rpg)
Starters Returning (3): Shawn Balack, F, 6-5/Sr (7.4 ppg, 3.8 rpg, 3.3 apg, 1.8 spg); Shawn Bell, F, 6-7/Jr (14.6 ppg, 6.7 rpg, 2.1 bpg, 5.1 2 FG%, 7.9 1 FT%); Stanley Jones, C, 6-7/Jr (15.5 ppg, 3.8 rpg)
Other Returnees: Tyrone Dowd, G, 6-0/Soph.; Curtis Harrell, F, 6-6/Sr (3 ppg, 2.3 rpg); Willie James, F, 8-4/Jr (8.6 ppg, 2.8 rpg); Fred Shepard, F, 6-4/Sr (7.1 ppg, 3.3 rpg, 5.1 3 FG%); Kenton Terrell, G, 8-1/Jr (2.5 ppg)
Newcomers: Jerome Childs, G, 6-0/Soph. (transfer/Bradley); Lauront Crawford, F, 7-0/Soph. (transfer/Texas-El Paso); Darren Guest, C, 6-9/Jr (transfer/Auburn)
1985-86 Record: 22-6

1986-87 Schedule

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|--------------------------|-----|---------------------------|-----|
| St. Mary's (Ind.) | N29 | At Pepparedine | J20 |
| At Loyola of Chicago | D2 | At Mississippi Valley | J22 |
| At Illinois | D4 | At Central Michigan | J24 |
| At Eastern Michigan | D8 | At Western Illinois | J28 |
| At Wisconsin-Green Bay | D13 | At Wyoming | F8 |
| At Illinois Chicago | D20 | At Oregon State | F8 |
| Northwestern State | D22 | At Minnesota-Owen (Tenn.) | F9 |
| Mississippi Valley State | D29 | Central (I) State | F11 |
| Southern Indiana | J2 | Wisconsin-Green Bay | F18 |
| Morgan State | J7 | At Illinois State | F21 |
| Eastern Washington | J10 | At Wichita State | F24 |
| At McNeese State | J12 | U.S. International | F28 |
| At Eastern Illinois | J14 | At North Carolina State | M2 |
| At Pittsburgh | J17 | | |

Dayton (Flyers)

Coach: Don Doncher (399-225, 22 years)
Starters Lost (2): Dave Colborn, C (18.8 ppg, 8.2 rpg, 53.9 FG%, 78.5 FT%); Damon Goodwin, G (14.3 ppg, 3.9 rpg, 3.9 apg, 52.4 FG%, 93.1 FT%)
Others Lost: Rory Dahlinghaus, F, Jim Shields, F; Jeff Tressler, C (left team); Jeff Zern, C
Starters Returning (3): Anthony Grant, F, 6-5/Sr (7.1 ppg, 4.8 rpg); Negele Knight, G, 6-2/Soph. (7.1 ppg, 2.1 rpg, 4.3 apg); Ed Young, F, 6-7/Sr (14.2 ppg, 7.2 rpg, 58.4 FG%)
Other Returnees: Dan Christie, G, 6-1/Sr (4.1 ppg, 3.1 apg); Bill Croft, F, 6-6/Soph.; Don Hughes, C, 6-9/Jr; Eric Mathews, G, 8-3/Jr; Steve Pittman, F, C, 6-9/Soph.; Steve Smith, G, 6-5/Jr (2.3 ppg)
Newcomers: Anthony Corbett, F, 6-6/Fr.; Norm Grevey, G, 6-3/Fr.; Troy McCracken, C, 8-9/Fr.; Nolan Robinson, G, 6-5/Fr.; Bill Uhl, F, C, 6-8/Fr. (RS)
1985-86 Record: 17-13
Site: Dayton, O.

1986-87 Schedule

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|--------------------------|-----|--------------------|-----|
| St. Joseph's (Ind.) | N29 | Detroit | J21 |
| At Miami of Ohio | D3 | At Notre Dame | J27 |
| At Virginia Commonwealth | D8 | Loyola of Chicago | J29 |
| St. Louis | D9 | Cincinnati | J31 |
| St. Peter's | D13 | At Butler | F2 |
| Ohio State | D16 | At DePaul | F7 |
| South Florida | D20 | At Bradley | F8 |
| Xavier | D27 | At Miami (Fla.) | F14 |
| Creghton | D30 | Virginia | F16 |
| DePaul | J3 | Marquette | F21 |
| At Iowa State | J7 | Miami of Ohio | F23 |
| At Colorado | J10 | Towson (Md.) State | M1 |
| At Detroit | J15 | Western Kentucky | M3 |
| At Marquette | J17 | Noire Dame | M7 |

DePaul (Blue Demons)

Coach: Joey Meyer (37-23, 2 years)
Starters Lost (3): Marty Embury, C (7.3 ppg, 7.3 rpg, 56.8 FG%), Kevin Holmes, F (9.4 ppg, 5.6 rpg, 52.7 FG%), Tony Jackson, G (8.6 ppg, 4.1 rpg, 2.9 apg)
Others Lost: Lemone Lamplay, C (8.3 ppg, 4.9 rpg)
Starters Returning (2): Dallas Comegys, F, 6-9/Sr (13.8 ppg, 5.6 rpg, 51.5 FG%, 2 bpg); Rod Strickland, G, 6-3/Soph. (14.1 ppg, 5.1 apg, 2.2 spg)
Other Returnees: Stanley Brundy, F, 6-6/Soph. (2.5 ppg, 2 rpg); Kevin Golden, F, 6-9/Jr. (2.4 ppg); Terrence Greene, G, 8-4/Soph. (5.8 ppg, 2.6 rpg, 2.8 apg); Andy Loux, G, 6-5/Jr.
Newcomers: Kevin Edwards, G, 6-3/Jr. (JC); James Hamby, C, 6-11/Fr. (RS); Kevin Holland, F, 6-9/Fr.; Phil James, F, 6-5/Jr. (Texas A&M, JC); James O'Shughnessy, F, 6-7/Sr. (transfer/Drake); Charles Sowle, F, C, 6-9/Fr.
1985-86 Record: 18-13
Site: Chicago

1986-87 Schedule

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|----------------------|-----|-----------------------|-----|
| Northern Illinois | N29 | Indiana State | J19 |
| UNC Wilmington | D2 | At Evansville | J21 |
| At Illinois State | D6 | At Georgetown | J25 |
| At Western Michigan | D10 | Webster State | J27 |
| At Louisville | D13 | At La Salle | J31 |
| Creghton | D17 | North Carolina State | F2 |
| Old Dominion | D20 | Dayton | F7 |
| Northwestern | D22 | At Marquette | F10 |
| At Pepparedine | D30 | At Alabama-Birmingham | F14 |
| At Dayton | J3 | Manhattan (N.J.) | F16 |
| Furman | J5 | At Iowa | F18 |
| Noire Dame | J10 | Georgia Tech. | F22 |
| At Loyola of Chicago | J15 | At Noire Dame | F25 |
| South Florida | J17 | Marquette | M7 |

Marquette (Warriors)

Coach: Bob Dukiet (first year at Marquette)
Starters Lost (3): Walter Downing, C (7.1 ppg, 3.6 rpg, 53.5 FG%); Barry Moore, G (11.8 ppg); Kerry Trotter, F (13.6 ppg, 6.4 rpg, 4 apg, 80.2 FT%)
Others Lost: Mike Davis, F
Starters Returning (2): David Boone, F, 6-6/Sr (15.3 ppg, 10.6 rpg); Kevin Johnson, G, 8-1/Sr (7.9 ppg, 2.6 rpg, 5.2 apg, 1.9 spg, 79.4 FT%)
Other Returnees: Tom Cope, C, 6-10, 250/Sr. (7.9 ppg, 4 rpg); Pat Foley, F, 6-7/Jr.; Herb Harrison, F, 6-9/Sr. (3.2 ppg); Tony Reader, F, 6-7/Jr. (2.7 ppg); Ken Rice, G, 6-8/Soph.; Michael (I) Sims, G, 6-0/Jr. (4.6 ppg, 3.5 apg)
Newcomers: John Eilenson, F, 6-7/Fr.; Michael Flory, F, 6-6/Jr. (Colorado, JC); Rod Grosse, C, 6-11/Fr. (intends to RS); Roman Muller, C, 7-0/Fr. (RS)
Tony Smith, G, 6-3/Fr.
1985-86 Record: 19-11
Site: Milwaukee.

1986-87 Schedule

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|-----------------------|-----|----------------------|-----|
| Wisconsin | D1 | At Loyola of Chicago | J21 |
| Lehigh | D3 | At Miami (Fla.) | J24 |
| Iona | D6 | At Notre Dame | J29 |
| Tennessee | D13 | Valparaiso | F4 |
| At Northwestern | D16 | Stetson | F7 |
| At Bradley | D20 | DePaul | F10 |
| At Creghton | D23 | Hartford | F14 |
| Midwest Classic | D25 | At North Carolina | F15 |
| At Loyola Marymount | D31 | At Dayton | F21 |
| At Colorado | J3 | Fordham | F26 |
| Kansas State | J7 | Noire Dame | F28 |
| Virginia Commonwealth | J10 | Evansville | M3 |
| At Western Michigan | J12 | At DePaul | M7 |
| Dayton | J17 | | |

Miami, Fla. (Hurricanes)

Coach: Bill Foster (14-14, 1 year)
Starters Lost: None
Others Lost: Terrance Hara, F, 6-8/Soph. (transfer/Wintrop); Terrell Roberson, G, 6-2/Soph. (transfer/JC)
Starters Returning (5): Eric Brown, F, 6-6/Soph. (16.4 ppg, 7.4 rpg); Dennis Burns, F, 6-5/Soph. (13.5 ppg, 3.6 rpg); Bryan Hughes, G, 6-1/Soph. (7.3 ppg, 4.1 rpg, 4.6 apg, 5.1 FG%); Kevin Prasto, G, 5-11/Soph. (10.4 ppg, 3.4 rpg, 3.3 apg, 81.4 FT%); Mark Richardson, C, 6-10/Soph. (11.0 ppg, 4.7 rpg)
Other Returnees: Tim Dawson, F, 6-7/Jr. (6.4 ppg, 3.8 rpg); Darrell Glenn, G, 6-3/Soph.; Tim Harvey, C, 6-10/Sr. (7.4 ppg, 5.9 rpg); Bob Schneckenberg, F, 6-7/Sr.; Joel Warren, G, 6-5/Soph.
Newcomers: Tito Horford, C, 7-1, 250/Fr. (transfer/LSU); Lemuel Howard, F, 6-6/Fr.; Frank Kirkman, F, 6-7/Fr.; Joey Ross, F, C, 6-10/Fr. (intends to RS)
1985-86 Record: 14-14

1986-87 Schedule

| | | | |
|--------------------------|-----|-----------------------|-----|
| AMU Classic | N28 | Marquette | J24 |
| At North Carolina | D6 | At New Mexico | J29 |
| Wisconsin | D8 | At San Diego State | J31 |
| Wintrop (S.C.) | D14 | Florida State | F4 |
| Dartmouth (S.C.) | D14 | Navy | F7 |
| Duke | D22 | Farleigh Dickinson | F10 |
| Palm Beach Hurricane Cl. | D22 | Dayton | F14 |
| Wisconsin-Green Bay | J3 | Armstrong (Ga.) State | F16 |
| St. Francis (Pa.) | J6 | Florida International | F18 |
| Puerto Rico Tournament | J8 | At Florida | F21 |
| Maryland Eastern Shore | J14 | At Florida State | F26 |
| At Kansas | J17 | Coppin (Md.) State | F28 |
| Providence | J20 | At Notre Dame | F5 |
| Baltimore | J20 | Brooklyn | M7 |
| Timedowns | | | |

New Orleans (Privateers)

Coach: Benny Deas (16-12, 1 year)
Starters Lost (1): Michael Porter, G, 6-5/Sr. (10.9 ppg, 3.8 rpg, 81 FT%, academically ineligible)
Others Lost: Randy Goodwin, G (5.1 ppg, grades)
Starters Returning (4): Gabe Corchiani, G, 6-1/Jr. (7.1 ppg, 3.6 apg); Ronnie Grandison, F, 8-8/Sr. (16.6 ppg, 9.7 rpg); Sam Jones, F, 6-7/Jr. (8.8 ppg, 5.5 rpg); Mike Smith, C, 6-7/Jr. (9 ppg, 5.4 rpg)
Other Returnees: Terrance Bellock, G-F, 6-6/Jr. (5.7 ppg, 4.2 rpg); Theron Cope, G, 6-5/Sr. (4.3 ppg); David Hodo, G, 8-5/Sr.; Elden Irving, G, 6-7/Jr. (4.4 ppg); Kwuan Whitfield, G, 5-11/Soph. (2.1 ppg)
Newcomers: Eric Coleman, G, 6-3/Soph. (transfer/South Alabama); Ledell Eackles, G-F, 6-6/Jr. (JC); Wendell Perkins, F, 6-6/Jr. (JC); Chris Trunk, F, C, 6-9/Soph. (transfer/Fordham); Damon Vance, C, 6-10/Jr. (transfer/LSU)
1985-86 Record: 16-12
Site: New Orleans

1986-87 Schedule

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|--------------------------|-----|------------------------|-----|
| Southern California | N28 | At Southwestern La. | J19 |
| Investors Classic | D6 | Louisiana Tech. | J24 |
| At Houston | D13 | Baptist (S.C.) | J26 |
| Manhattan (Minn.) State | D15 | At Memphis State | J31 |
| U.S. Coast Guard | D19 | McNeese State | F2 |
| Wisconsin Stevens Point | D30 | At Murray State | F4 |
| Oklahoma State | J3 | At Louisiana Tech. | F12 |
| Mississippi Valley State | J5 | Pan American | F14 |
| Delaware State | J7 | At McNeese State | F19 |
| Wintrop (S.C.) | J10 | At Pan American | F21 |
| Lamar | J12 | Southwestern Louisiana | F23 |
| Sam Houston State | J15 | Northern Illinois | F25 |
| Coastal Carolina (N.C.) | J17 | At Lamar | F28 |

Northern Illinois (Huskies)

Coach: Jim Rosborough (first year at Northern Ill.)
Starters Lost (1): Kenny Batte, F, 6-8/Jr. (19.6 ppg, 6.5 rpg, 2.5 spg, 56.8 FG%, transfer/Illinois)
Starters Returning (4): Rodney Davis, G, 6-2/Jr. (8.4 ppg, 3.4 rpg, 3.1 apg, 56.3 FG%); Jim Edmondson, F, 6-6/Jr. (7.6 ppg, 4.3 rpg, 4.3 apg, 52.5 FG%); Jerry Williams, G, 6-2/Sr. (7.5 ppg, 3.2 rpg, 4.2 apg)
Other Returnees: John Culbertson, F-C, 6-8, 242/Jr. (5.6 ppg, 3.4 rpg); Eric Harrington, F, 6-8/Sr. (7 ppg, 2.9 rpg); Randy Norman, G, 6-2/Jr. (4.6 ppg); Devon White, G, 8-3/Jr. (6.8 ppg, 2.1 rpg)
Newcomers: Brett Andricks, G, 6-2/Fr.; Matt Hardy, F, 6-7/Fr.; Tom Sellers, F, 6-8/Fr. (RS); Tim Sullivan, G, 6-4/Fr. (RS)
1985-86 Record: 15-12, MAC 10-8, 4th
Site: DeKalb, Ill.

1986-87 Schedule

| | | | |
|-------------------|-----|--------------------------|-----|
| At DePaul | N29 | Northern Iowa | J10 |
| At Northwestern | D1 | Western Illinois | J14 |
| Cornell | D3 | Toledo | J21 |
| At St. Joseph | D5 | Butler | J24 |
| Wisconsin | D11 | At Northern Iowa | J28 |
| At Brainerd | D13 | Florida International | J31 |
| At Illinois State | D15 | At Western Michigan | F4 |
| Southern Illinois | D20 | Duke | F10 |
| Kansas State | D23 | Wisconsin Green Bay | F12 |
| Cowboy Shootout | D27 | At Toledo | F18 |
| Ball State | D30 | At Florida International | F23 |
| Valparaiso | J3 | At New Orleans | F25 |
| Western Michigan | J7 | At Ball State | F28 |

Bold face denotes conference-leading totals.

Notre Dame (Fighting Irish)

Coach: Digger Phelps (300-138, 15 years)
Starters Lost (2): Ken Barlow, F (14.9 ppg, 5.4 rpg, 88.7 FT%); Tim Kempton, C (6.5 ppg, 5.1 rpg)
Others Lost: Matt Beuwsaert, F, 6-8/Soph. (transfer/Californa); Jim Dolan, F (5.3 ppg, 4.7 rpg, 57.7 FG%); Joseph Price, G-F (8.2 ppg, 2.1 rpg)
Starters Returning (3): David Rivers, G, 6-0/Jr. (16.7 ppg, 4.9 apg, 1.7 spg); Donald Royal, F, 6-7/Sr. (10.6 ppg, 4.9 rpg, 58.3 FG%); Mark Stevenson, G, 6-6/Soph. (8.7 ppg, 58.5 FG%, 84.1 FT%)
Other Returnees: Sean Connor, F, 6-7/Soph. (3.5 ppg); Scott Hicks, G, 6-3/Sr. (5.4 ppg); Jeff Peters, G, 6-4/Jr.; Michael Smith, G, 6-3/Soph.; Gary Voce, C, 6-9/Jr. (2.9 ppg, 2.6 rpg)
Newcomers: Joe Fredrick, G, 6-4/Fr.; Jamara Jackson, G, 6-2/Fr.; Tony Jackson, F, 6-7/Fr.; Scott Padock, C, 6-9/Fr.
1985-86 Record: 23-6

1986-87 Schedule

| | | | |
|------------------|-----|----------------|-----|
| Western Kentucky | N2 | Dayton | J27 |
| Indiana | D2 | Marquette | J9 |
| Cornell | D4 | North Carolina | F1 |
| Bingham Young | D6 | La Salle | F4 |
| Eastern Michigan | D11 | At Vanderbilt | F6 |
| Valparaiso | D20 | At Kansas | F8 |
| Central Michigan | D29 | Duke | F15 |
| At Maryland | J3 | Wagner | F16 |
| At Pennsylvania | J3 | At Fordham | F18 |
| At Yale | J10 | At Utah | F21 |
| At DePaul | J10 | DePaul | F25 |
| At Georgetown | J12 | At Marquette | F28 |
| West Virginia | J17 | Brooklyn | M2 |
| At UCLA | J24 | Miami (Fla.) | M5 |
| Creighton | J27 | At Dayton | M7 |

S'western La. (Ragin' Cajuns)

Coach: Marty Fletcher (first year at LSU)
Starters Lost (3): Marcus Hamilton, F (10.6 ppg, 5.4 rpg, 3.3 apg); Cedric Hill, G (21 ppg, 3.2 rpg, 54.4 FG%); Raphael Phillips, C (4.9 ppg, 6.6 rpg)
Others Lost: Leonard Flowers, F, 6-7/Fr. (transfer/El Reno, JC); Keith Harrison, G, 6-3/Soph. (transfer/Ga Southern); Donald Jacobs, F (6.3 ppg, 4 rpg); Patrick Mosley, F, 6-6/Fr. (transfer/Hawassaw JC)
Starters Returning (2): Brian Jolivet, G, 6-0/Sr. (7.4 ppg, 2.4 rpg, 5.5 apg, 1.9 spg); Randal Smith, F, 6-5/Jr. (10 ppg, 7 rpg)
Other Returnees: Stephen Baetta, G, 6-3/Jr. (4.4 ppg); Jerry McNeil, F, 6-7/Soph.; Rodney McNeil, F, C, 6-7/Jr. (2.8 ppg); Dale Turner, F, 6-7/Soph.
Newcomers: Andre Crenshaw, G, 6-3/Fr.; Gregg Falcon, G, 6-4/Soph. (transfer/Southeastern Louisiana); Marvin Lancaster, F, C, 6-7/Fr.
1985-86 Record: 15-13
Site: Lafayette, La.

1986-87 Schedule

| | | | |
|--------------------|-----|-----------------------|-----|
| Wichita State | N2 | Baptist (S.C.) | J24 |
| Georgia College | D6 | Southern Mississippi | J28 |
| Texas Tech | D8 | North Texas State | J31 |
| At Auburn | D13 | At Houston | F3 |
| Tennessee Tech | D15 | At Southern Methodist | F7 |
| Bayou Classic | D19 | Washington State | F9 |
| Far West Classic | D26 | At New Mexico State | F14 |
| Arkansas | J8 | Louisiana Tech | F16 |
| Western New Mexico | J10 | Lamar | F21 |
| At Louisiana Tech | J12 | At New Orleans | F23 |
| Pan American | J17 | Florida A&M | F25 |
| New Orleans | J19 | At Tennessee Tech | F28 |
| At Lamar | J22 | | |

making the NCAA Tournament.

The Flyers will be missing their top two scorers from last year's NIT team. But never discount a team coached by Donohoe, who has led the Flyers to eight 20-victory seasons and 16 postseason appearances in 22 years. His first victory this season will be the 400th of his career.

But Donohoe isn't satisfied with averaging 18 victories per season.

"That's just good enough to get you on the fence for the NCAA Tournament," he said.

Forward Ed Young overcame major knee surgery to average 14.2 points and 7.2 rebounds last year. Young returns as team leader, while forward Anthony Grant, who is hoping to rebound from a disappointing junior season, and point guard Neglec Knight are the other returning regulars. Dan Christie, Dayton's sixth man the last three seasons, will back up Knight.

Donohoe has perhaps his best group of newcomers ever. Freshmen Nolan Robinson, Anthony Corbitt, Troy McCracken, Bill Uhl and Norm Grevey all figure to contribute as rookies. Uhl's father, Bill, was a 7-foot All-America at Dayton in 1956, while Grevey is the brother of former NBA star Kevin Grevey.

Chicago State, which has added stature to its front line with the addition of a couple of tall transfers, is hoping to gain stature in the eyes of NCAA and NIT selectors.

The Cougars failed to land a postseason bid despite having a 22-6 record, a 73-game home-court winning streak and the national steals leader, Darron Brittman, who averaged an incredible five thefts per game.

"We had the second-best independent record in the country behind Notre Dame," Coach Bob Hallberg said. "And I felt the second-best team had to go to some tournament."

"I think what happened to us is called paying your dues and being the new kid on the block. But I think we established ourselves. By the end of the season it was no longer, 'Who's Chicago State?'"

The new transfers are 7-foot Laurent Crawford (Texas-El Paso) and 6-9 Darren Guest (Auburn).

"Now when we get on a plane, maybe people won't ask if we're a track team," Hallberg said.

The Cougars face an ambitious schedule that includes only 10 home games. With a team led by Crawford, Guest and junior forward Shawn Bell, Hallberg isn't scared.

"People ask what team would attempt to play a schedule like this in its third year in Division I," Hallberg said. "They think I'm crazy. But you establish your program by playing against the best. You don't get the Crawfords and Guests into your program by playing the Little Sisters



Ronnie Grandison will have a lot to say about New Orleans' 1986-87 fortunes.

of the Poor."

Northern Illinois, which has left the Mid-American Conference, might have trouble winning wars after losing the Battle—forward Kenny Battle, to be precise. After John McDougal was fired as coach, Battle, who led the Huskies in virtually every department, transferred to Illinois. The school's sports information department writes that Northern Illinois now might go from "Kid Stuff" to the "Dunkless Wonders."

On the bright side, Coach Jim Rosborough inherits four starters from last year's 15-12 team. The Huskies' strength is its backcourt of junior Rodney Davis and senior Jerry Williams.

Midwest independents will have one more team to schedule a year from now when Missouri-Kansas City advances from NAIA to Division I status for the 1988 season. Lee Hunt was given a six-year contract worth an estimated \$100,000 per year to leave Mississippi and become the Kangaroos' coach and athletic director. ■

Horford Is Ready For Miami Debut

By BRIAN ALLEE-WALSH

In the South, New Orleans and Southwestern Louisiana are fighting to lose their independence while the countdown has begun for Tito Horford's long-awaited debut at Miami (Fla.).

"We're excited about getting him on the floor to start working with him," Hurri-

canes Coach Bill Foster said. "He's got a lot of raw potential. We're just glad he's here. I just wish he was ready to play right away."

Horford, a much-ballyhooed 7-foot-1, 250-pound transfer via Houston and Louisiana State, will miss the Hurricanes' first five games. He'll be eligible to play when Dartmouth visits Miami on December 20.

Horford's presence has sparked interest in the Hurricanes. Games against Kansas, Navy and Florida State are targeted for national or split-national TV exposure.

The Hurricanes, who went 14-14 in their first season after Foster resurrected the dormant program, return all five starters from a year ago. Forward Eric Brown, who led the team in scoring with 16.4 points per game, guards Kevin Presto and Bryan Hughes and 6-foot-10 Mark Richardson should make the Hurricanes a solid bet for a postseason bid. The addition of Horford will allow Richardson to move to a more natural power forward position.

"We still will be America's youngest team, but we've got an awful lot of dad-gum talent," Foster said.

In bayou country, New Orleans and Southwestern Louisiana may be playing their final season as independents. Officials for both programs are attempting to form a conference with Louisiana Tech, Pan American (Tex.) and other schools.

At New Orleans, the Privateers are hoping that the inside-outside scoring combination of forward Ronnie Grandison and swingman Ledell Eackles will be enough to win a postseason invitation.

Grandison led the Privateers in scoring (16.6 per game) and rebounding (9.7). Meanwhile, Eackles led San Jacinto College to the 1986 national junior college championship and was named Player of the Year.

"We hope Ledell will give us the scoring punch that we lacked last year," second-year Coach Benny Dees said. "He's proven everywhere he's been that he can score."

The return of four starters, the addition of numerous transfers and a powder-puff schedule should help the Privateers in their pursuit of their first NCAA Tournament berth.

Southwestern Louisiana Coach Marty Fletcher has his work cut out for him as his new team attempts to rebound from a disappointing 15-13 record last year.

The Ragin' Cajuns must find productive replacements for guard Cedric Hill and forward Marcus Hamilton. Forward Randal Smith and point guard Brian Jolivet are the leading candidates. Juniors Rodney McNeil and Stephen Beene also should get a great deal of playing time. ■

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Terrance Bailey

Wagner's Fastest Gun Is Loaded, Ready to Shoot

By MICHAEL EISEN

Terrance Bailey thinks about the night of January 29, 1986, and shakes his head in frustration. Wagner's superlative guard scored 49 points for the Seahawks that night in a 105-103, triple-overtime victory over Brooklyn.

"I should have scored 70," said Bailey, who would follow that show with a 46-point encore three nights later at Marist (N.Y.). "I missed two dunks, a couple of layups and some other shots I should have made. I'm never satisfied. I could have played better, even in that game."

Not long ago, Terrance Bailey was far less passionate about perfection—and not only in basketball. He just drifted along, expending as little energy as possible while trying to roll with life's punches.

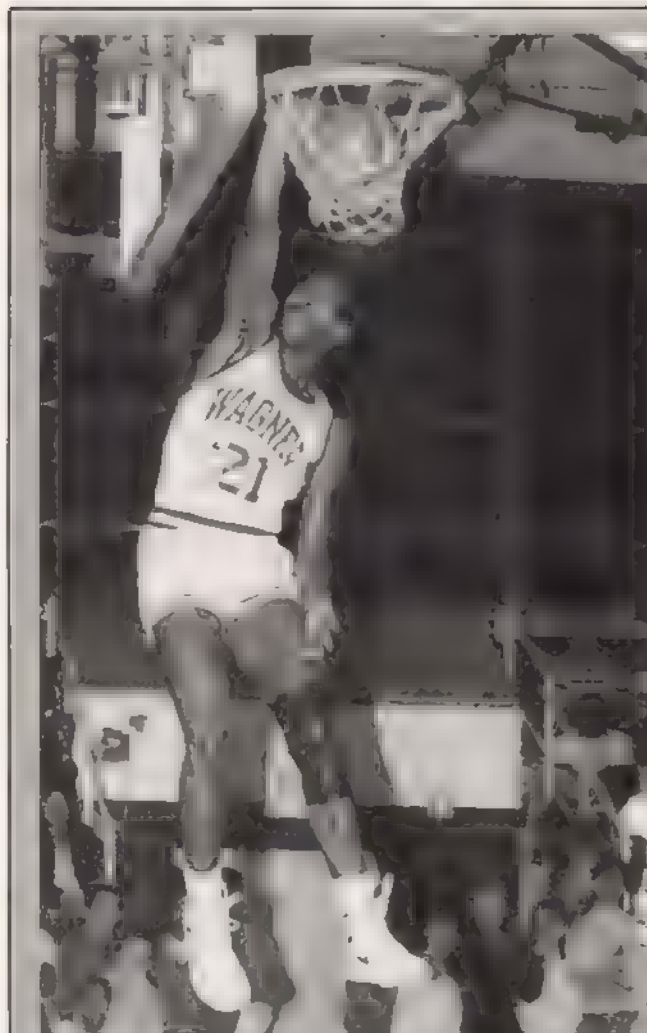
"Whatever came, came," Bailey recalled. "In high school I was just getting by. I went to class every day and played ball. I did what I had to do and didn't worry about it."

That's the old Terrance Bailey. The new Terrance Bailey is a dedicated, career-minded student—not to mention a remarkable basketball player. Bailey, who plays for a school on Staten Island, N.Y., with an enrollment of 1,700 students, led the nation as the top scorer in Division I basketball. Bailey's average of 29.4 points per game was a full two points better than that of runner-up Scott Skiles of Michigan State.

"Terrance was made to play basketball," Wagner Coach Neil Kennett said. "He's not real tall (6-foot-2, 185 pounds). But he's much stronger than he looks. He has long arms and huge hands. Terrance has incredible quickness and jumps like Michael Jordan—almost."

Bailey scored 30 or more points 15 times and fewer than 23 points only three times. His 854 points set a Wagner record. He was named the ECAC Metro Player of the Year as the Seahawks finished 16-13, their first winning season since 1981. He also led the team in steals (52) and averaged 5.5 rebounds.

"I said last season he could help the



High-flying Terrance Bailey has a special talent for putting the ball in the basket.

SCORING (Leading Returnees)

| Player | School | Hgt. | G | FG | FGA | Pct | FT | FTA | Pct. | Pts. | Avg |
|-----------------|-------------------|------|----|-----|-----|------|-----|-----|------|------|------|
| Terrance Bailey | Wagner | 6-2 | 29 | 321 | 625 | 51.4 | 212 | 279 | 76.0 | 854 | 29.4 |
| Joe Yezbak | USIU* | 6-3 | 28 | 299 | 606 | 49.3 | 157 | 211 | 74.4 | 761 | 27.2 |
| Reggie Miller | UCLA | 6-7 | 29 | 274 | 493 | 55.6 | 202 | 229 | 88.2 | 750 | 25.9 |
| Reggie Lewis | Northeastern | 6-7 | 30 | 265 | 559 | 47.4 | 184 | 229 | 80.3 | 714 | 23.8 |
| Frank Ross | American | 6-2 | 28 | 270 | 525 | 51.4 | 105 | 127 | 82.7 | 645 | 23.0 |
| Lamont Harris | St. Francis (Pa.) | 6-5 | 28 | 247 | 447 | 55.3 | 149 | 222 | 67.1 | 643 | 23.0 |
| Gay Elmore | Virginia Military | 6-5 | 28 | 232 | 511 | 45.4 | 173 | 209 | 82.8 | 637 | 22.8 |
| David Robinson | Navy | 6-11 | 35 | 294 | 484 | 60.7 | 208 | 331 | 62.8 | 796 | 22.7 |
| Steve Alford | Indiana | 6-2 | 28 | 254 | 457 | 55.6 | 122 | 140 | 87.1 | 630 | 22.5 |
| Kevin Houston | Army | 6-0 | 27 | 228 | 494 | 46.2 | 144 | 170 | 84.7 | 600 | 22.2 |
| Tony White | Tennessee | 6-2 | 28 | 249 | 493 | 50.5 | 124 | 142 | 87.3 | 622 | 22.2 |
| Byron Larkin | Xavier | 6-3 | 30 | 263 | 479 | 54.9 | 132 | 172 | 76.7 | 654 | 21.8 |
| Chad Tucker | Butler | 6-7 | 28 | 235 | 414 | 56.8 | 139 | 167 | 83.2 | 609 | 21.8 |
| Norris Coleman | Kansas State | 6-8 | 28 | 254 | 490 | 51.8 | 101 | 136 | 74.3 | 609 | 21.8 |
| Dan Majerle | Central Michigan | 6-6 | 27 | 228 | 433 | 52.7 | 122 | 170 | 71.8 | 578 | 21.4 |
| Darryl Kennedy | Oklahoma | 6-5 | 35 | 288 | 543 | 53.0 | 159 | 207 | 76.8 | 735 | 21.0 |
| Dennis Hopson | Ohio State | 6-5 | 33 | 275 | 505 | 54.5 | 140 | 180 | 77.8 | 690 | 20.9 |
| Jeffery Hart | Jackson State | 6-6 | 29 | 257 | 569 | 45.2 | 88 | 126 | 69.8 | 602 | 20.8 |
| Jeff Gray | Iowa State | 6-5 | 33 | 281 | 514 | 54.7 | 122 | 194 | 62.9 | 684 | 20.7 |
| Brian Rowsom | N.C.-Wilmington | 6-9 | 29 | 224 | 418 | 53.6 | 142 | 181 | 78.5 | 590 | 20.3 |
| Frank Sillmon | Alabama State | 6-6 | 28 | 204 | 440 | 46.4 | 155 | 234 | 66.2 | 563 | 20.1 |
| Daren Queenan | Lehigh | 6-4 | 28 | 215 | 446 | 48.2 | 125 | 193 | 64.8 | 555 | 19.8 |
| Ben Hinson | Baptist (S.C.) | 6-4 | 30 | 238 | 472 | 50.4 | 116 | 159 | 73.0 | 592 | 19.7 |
| Vernon Maxwell | Florida | 6-4 | 33 | 266 | 566 | 46.3 | 124 | 177 | 70.1 | 648 | 19.6 |
| Mike Milling | UNC Charlotte | 6-7 | 28 | 244 | 531 | 46.0 | 60 | 84 | 71.4 | 548 | 19.6 |
| Chris Welp | Washington | 7-0 | 31 | 234 | 436 | 53.7 | 133 | 177 | 75.1 | 601 | 19.4 |

*Three-Point Field Goal Shooting: Yezbak (6 of 18—33.3%)

NOTE—Kenny Battle, who averaged 19.6 points per game last year for Northern Illinois, will sit out this season as a redshirt after transferring to Illinois.

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Syracuse's Rony Seikaly.

BLOCKED SHOTS

(Leading Returnees)

| Player | School | G | M | Avg |
|--------------------------------|--------|----|-----|------|
| David Robinson, Navy | | 35 | 207 | 5.91 |
| Tim Perry, Temple | | 31 | 123 | 3.97 |
| Rodney Blake, St. Joseph's | | 32 | 121 | 3.78 |
| Lester Fonville, Jackson State | | 29 | 93 | 3.21 |
| Rony Seikaly, Syracuse | | 32 | 97 | 3.03 |
| Charles Smith, Pittsburgh | | 29 | 81 | 2.79 |
| Rik Smits, Marist (N.Y.) | | 30 | 82 | 2.73 |
| Melvin Stewart, Texas Southern | | 25 | 67 | 2.68 |
| Greg Anderson, Houston | | 28 | 75 | 2.68 |
| Ray Gromlowicz, UNC Charlotte | | 28 | 74 | 2.64 |
| Andrew Lang, Arkansas | | 26 | 65 | 2.50 |
| Bob McCann, Morehead State | | 27 | 67 | 2.48 |
| Pervis Ellison, Louisville | | 39 | 92 | 2.36 |
| Derrick McKey, Alabama | | 33 | 76 | 2.30 |
| Chris Welp, Washington | | 31 | 67 | 2.16 |
| Derrick Lewis, Maryland | | 33 | 71 | 2.15 |
| Shawn Bell, Chicago State | | 28 | 60 | 2.14 |
| Brian Humes, Detroit | | 29 | 61 | 2.10 |
| Reggie Lewis, Northeastern | | 30 | 63 | 2.10 |
| Joe Arlauskas, Niagara | | 28 | 58 | 2.07 |
| Randy Anderson, Stetson | | 27 | 55 | 2.04 |
| Ron Barnes, La Salle | | 28 | 57 | 2.04 |
| Steve Wright, Providence | | 31 | 63 | 2.03 |
| Mike Butts, Bucknell | | 29 | 58 | 2.00 |

Statistics

Rony Seikaly

Syracuse Center Is Ready to Fight Big East Wars

By SCOTT PITONIAK

Rony Seikaly shakes his head whenever Big East Conference basketball is compared to war.

Syracuse's junior center has dodged his share of flying elbows in the Big East. He also has dodged mortar shells in the Middle East.

He'll take an elbow to the ribs any day.

"Basketball is intense, but you still have your life—win or lose—when it's over," Seikaly said. "If people here only knew what war was really like, they'd never make the comparison."

Seikaly spent the first 10 years of his life in war-torn Lebanon, his mother's native country and his American-born father's place of business. While many of his contemporaries in the United States were playing basketball on the playgrounds, Seikaly was playing another game in the streets of Beirut: Survival.

"It was not a pleasant place to grow up," he said. "One day, school would be open. The next day it would be closed because of the war. I went to class some days wondering if I would ever see my parents again."

Seikaly and his family fled Lebanon for Athens, Greece, in 1976. He returned to Beirut three years ago to visit relatives. It was not a fun-filled summer vacation.

"I remember visiting my cousin's house and being awakened by the sounds of mortar shells whistling over the roof," he

said. "I was hysterical, running all over the place, while everyone else was sleeping. Finally, my cousin got up and asked what was wrong. When I asked him what we were going to do about the mortar shells, he said: 'Sleep. This is nothing.' They had been so used to living in that environment that they were almost immune to war."

Although Seikaly has spent the last 11 years living in relatively peaceful countries, the memory of war still haunts him occasionally.

"Every so often I'll hear a car backfire or some thunder, and a chill will go up my spine," he said. "It reminds me of life in Lebanon."

These days, though, he spends most of his time looking ahead, not back. He dreams of one day playing in the National Basketball Association. But first he must realize his enormous potential at the college level.

"It's safe to say that in a year or two, Seikaly's going to be the best big man in college basketball," said first-year Ohio State Coach Gary Williams, who spent parts of the last two seasons watching Seikaly do damage to his Boston College teams.

Seikaly definitely possesses the physical attributes to make good on Williams' boast. At 6-foot-10, 240 pounds, he has the size, strength and athletic ability to dominate. But he doesn't quite have the experience. With only four years of organized basketball under his belt, the sport is still somewhat foreign to him.

Seikaly (pronounced SIKE-a-LEE) learned the game at the American School in Athens, where the level of competition was vastly inferior to the talent he has faced the last two seasons in the Big East.

"Most of the centers I went up against were 6-2 or 6-3," he said. "I could get by on my height advantage and athletic skills. I feel my athletic ability has helped me hold my own here. But I still don't have the knowledge of the game that comes with experience. A lot of these guys grew up on a playground. I'm still new at this."

It was almost preordained that Seikaly would wind up at Syracuse. His father was born in the city, and his family had been back there several times to visit other relatives. His sister and several cousins attended Syracuse, and his brother played soccer at nearby Colgate. In fact, it was his brother who urged Seikaly to attend Syracuse Coach Jim Boeheim's summer basketball camp four years ago.

"Coach was kind of surprised to see this 6-10 guy come up to him and tell him he wanted to go to his school," Seikaly recalled.

It was the easiest recruiting job Boeheim ever had.

"I guess you could say it kind of made up for some of the ones that got away over the years," Boeheim said.

Seikaly began his real basketball education right away, starting every game as a freshman. In his initial confrontation with Patrick Ewing before 32,000 screaming fanatics in the Carrier Dome, Seikaly blocked two of the former Georgetown All-America's shots and finished with seven points and eight rebounds as the Orangemen nipped the Hoyas, 65-63. Seikaly wound up averaging 8.1 points and 6.4 rebounds per game as a freshman, fueling the expectations of Orange fans.

Seikaly improved his sophomore season, but not to the extent some had wished. He developed into one of the nation's premier shot-blockers with a school-record and league-leading 97 rejections, and his scoring (10.1) and rebounding (7.8) averages were up slightly. But he continued to be haunted by referees' whistles, fouling out of eight games and finishing several others with four fouls.

Seikaly also was hampered by late-season shoulder and back injuries, which helped derail his team's hopes of a trip to the Final Four. Syracuse's season of great expectations ended where it always seems to—early March. That's when Navy, led by its brilliant center, David Robinson, squeezed the Orange, 97-85, in the second round of the NCAA Tournament in the Carrier Dome.

"It was just a case of us getting caught looking way ahead," Seikaly said. "We weren't just thinking about our next game. We were thinking two games ahead. Everyone expected it to be us and Duke in the Eastern regionals."

Expectations will be down this year with the departure of Pearl Washington, Rafael Addison and Wendell Alexis to the NBA. That suits Seikaly just fine.

"The situation is just the reverse of last year," he said. "This year, we are going to go farther than people expect."

That, of course, will depend largely on how far Seikaly takes the team. ■

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David Robinson

Navy's Talented Big Man Sailing A Smooth Course

By MICHAEL WILBON

It might be next to impossible to find a happier college student these days than David Robinson.

After all, the aches from the elbows of Arvidas Sabonis and Fernando Martin have finally subsided. He enters his senior season as the consensus pick for Player of the Year honors. His first-semester course load, as a math major, includes a couple of his favorites, easy courses such as Differential Equations and Computer Data Structures.

And he may have taken a giant step toward becoming a National Basketball Association millionaire with the announcement by the U.S. Navy that Napoleon McCallum, a former Midshipman, can spend his fall Sundays playing professional football for the Los Angeles Raiders.

But Robinson doesn't get that far ahead of himself. Just a few days before the McCallum decision, he talked about his senior year and said he wasn't about to ignore the rest of his life's interests to concentrate only on basketball—even if the NBA is a possibility.

"If I go around thinking for the next year, 'Yeah, I'm going to make millions of dollars,' I'm going to be pretty upset if I don't, right?" he said. "I try to keep my head about it; of course, that opportunity is pretty world-shattering. But I try not to think about it. I don't depend on money or anything, so I don't think about it."

"I dream about it, I suppose. But I don't consciously think about it."

Robinson didn't have much time to think about the NBA this summer because he was too busy battling underneath baskets in Spain to help the U.S. team to a gold medal in the World Championships. That conquest was capped by a final-game victory over Sabonis and the Soviet Union.

Several weeks after the competition was over, Robinson literally winced at the thought of his midsummer encounters with 7-foot-2, 260-pound Sabonis and 6-8 Martin of Spain.

"It's so much more physical off the boards," Robinson said. "When you go to the offensive boards, the officials rarely call any fouls, even if you go over somebody's back. So you just jump on somebody's back or whatever."

"I'm glad I'm going back to NCAA play. I really think I'll develop better with the college style. The big men in Europe aren't as good in as many different ways. They're a challenge in that if you don't come out with your head in the game, you'll get beat up. Sheer power. And they're good with fundamental stuff. But there aren't a lot of great athletes over there."

Robinson said Sabonis was an exception.

Actually, the tall and the short of it made a lasting impression on Robinson last summer. Robinson also had never played against (or with) anyone like Tyrone (Mugsy) Bogues, a 5-3 guard from Wake Forest.

"Mugsy is, well, incredible," Robinson said. "You wouldn't think he could be so much of a force on the court, but he is. Sometimes he runs so much, you just lose the will to run with him, whether you're on defense or offense."

Robinson, who led Division I with 13 rebounds and 5.9 blocked shots per game while averaging 22.7 points last year, sparked Navy to a 30-5 record and within one victory of a Final Four berth. He could use a guy like Mugsy this season at Navy, especially with the departure of starters Vernon Butler and Kaylor Whitaker, plus Coach Paul Evans.

Even so, the presence of Robinson alone will make Navy much better than average. His dominance was best displayed in the NCAA Tournament when he tallied 35 points, 11 rebounds and seven blocked shots in the Mid-dies' upset of Syracuse at the Carrier Dome. And Robinson, whom many people hadn't heard much about at this time last year, will find out that the attention surrounding him through the playoffs will follow him all season.

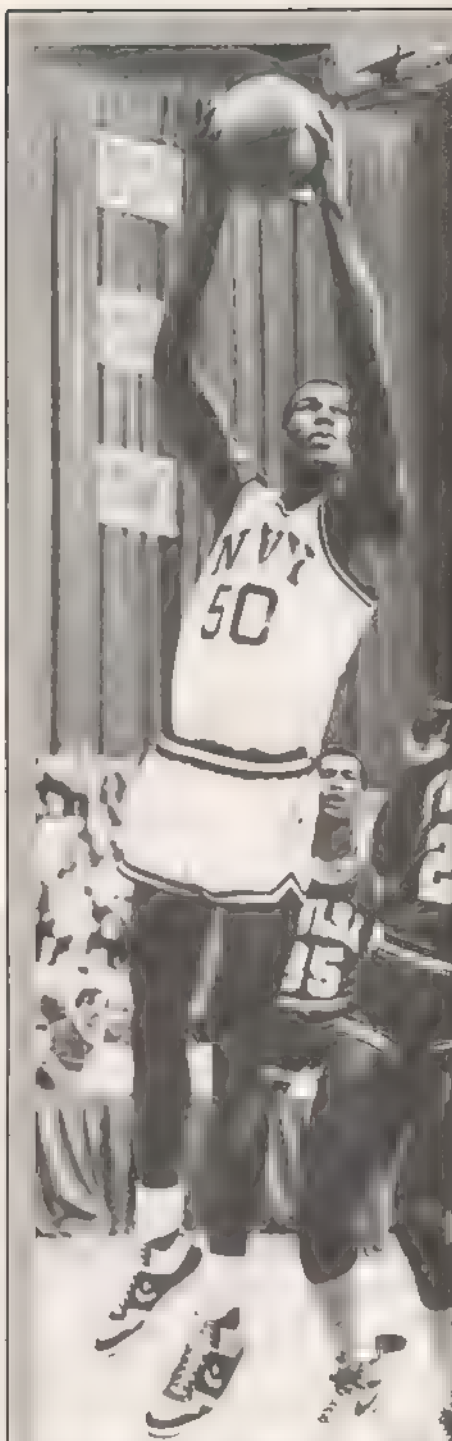
Robinson, at least for now, doesn't seem to mind. But when asked, he recalled being around Georgia Tech's John Salley before last season. At that time, Salley was ranked by many as the top player in the nation.

"I met John last year when he was going through all this 'stress,' you might say," Robinson said. "But he seemed like, well, I don't really want to say what he seemed like."

"But I think I can afford to be a little more relaxed. He put so much pressure on himself. I feel like I have to improve, but I just don't have as much pressure on me. I won't feel like there are 1,000 scouts out there every game taking notes on me."

"I want to play well, of course, but I don't feel there is the pressure." ■

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Navy's David Robinson

REBOUNDING (Leading Returnees)

| Player—School | G | No. | Avg |
|----------------------------------|----|-----|------|
| David Robinson, Navy... | 35 | 455 | 13.0 |
| Greg Anderson, Houston..... | 28 | 360 | 12.9 |
| David Boone, Marquette..... | 30 | 319 | 10.6 |
| Horace Grant, Clemson..... | 34 | 357 | 10.5 |
| Bob McCann, Morehead State..... | 27 | 282 | 10.4 |
| Rickie Winslow, Houston..... | 27 | 281 | 10.4 |
| Mevin Stewart, Texas Southern | 25 | 251 | 10.0 |
| Andre Moore, Loyola I..... | 27 | 268 | 9.9 |
| Largest Agbejemis n, Wagner | 28 | 276 | 9.9 |
| Chris Dudley, Yale..... | 26 | 256 | 9.8 |
| Lamont Harris, St. Francis (Pa.) | 28 | 274 | 9.8 |
| Ronnie Grandison, New Orleans | 28 | 271 | 9.7 |
| Brian Rowson, N.C.-Wilmington... | 29 | 275 | 9.5 |
| Tim Perry, Temple..... | 31 | 293 | 9.5 |
| Bruno Kongawoin, Houston Baptist | 21 | 197 | 9.4 |
| Reggie Lewis, Northeastern..... | 30 | 279 | 9.3 |
| David Grady, Brooklyn.. | 31 | 286 | 9.2 |

Reggie Lewis

Former Prep Sub Finds Spotlight At Northeastern

By FRANK DELL'APA

Reggie Lewis couldn't stay hidden forever.

Not when folks like Boston Celtics scout Ed Badger call the Northeastern forward a probable 1987 first-round draft choice. Not after this versatility bonanza: Lewis led the ECAC North Atlantic in scoring (23.8 points per game), rebounding (9.3 average), steals (2.8) and blocked shots (2.1) a year ago.

Not after he hit 15 of 17 field-goal attempts against Virginia Commonwealth in the NCAA Tournament as a freshman, led the nation's sophomores in scoring (24.1 average) and then received his second consecutive ECAC North Atlantic Player of the Year award as a junior.

World, meet Reggie Lewis, not a secret anymore.

He is a wiry 6-foot-7, 195-pound forward, durable enough to bang inside for 37 minutes per game, lithe enough to sink about half of his shots from the baseline and perimeter, quick enough to handle the ball at off-guard. In three seasons, Lewis has scored 2,033 points, just 135 shy of breaking Pete Harris' school scoring record.

Last summer, Reggie Lewis literally was introduced to the world. He played on the U.S. team that won the Jones Cup in Taiwan, then worked and played as a counselor at Celtics President Red Auerbach's camp for Celtics draft choices, free agents and prospects.

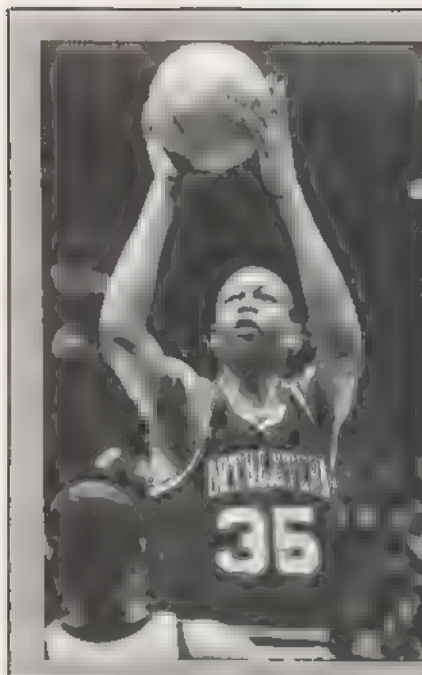
Auerbach's camp included such top college players as Houston's Greg Anderson, Georgia Tech's Bruce Dalrymple and Maryland's Derrick Lewis.

"I thought Reggie was by far the best player there," said Karl Fogel, who took over as Northeastern's coach when Jim Calhoun moved to Connecticut. "A lot of guys are good athletes, but they don't have the game Reggie has. They're strong, they can run and jump, but Reggie puts the ball in the basket."

That is high praise indeed for a player who didn't even start for his high school team.

There was room for only one Reggie in the starting lineup at Dunbar High School in Baltimore. That was Reggie Williams, who went on to help Georgetown win a national championship.

Reggie Lewis was the Poets' sixth man, averaging eight points and six rebounds per game. But with such future college stars as Williams, Tyrone Bogues (Wake Forest), Michael Brown (Clemson), Tim



STEALS (Leading Returnees)

| Player | School | G | No | Avg |
|------------------|--------------------|----|-----|------|
| Leroy Allen | Hofstra | 28 | 100 | 3.57 |
| Derek Robinson | Md. East Shore | 22 | 69 | 3.14 |
| Tyrone Bogues | Wake Forest | 29 | 89 | 3.07 |
| Michael Anderson | Drexel | 31 | 92 | 2.97 |
| Alwin Ware | Florida A&M | 27 | 76 | 2.81 |
| Reggie Lewis | Northeastern | 30 | 84 | 2.80 |
| Terrance Artis | Prairie View | 29 | 80 | 2.76 |
| Tom Gornley | Loyola (Md.) | 28 | 76 | 2.71 |
| Frank Smith | Old Dominion | 31 | 82 | 2.65 |
| Sean Dent | Wyoming | 36 | 93 | 2.58 |
| Joe Yezbak | J.S. International | 28 | 72 | 2.57 |
| Tim McCaster | Oklahoma | 34 | 87 | 2.56 |
| Drafton Davis | Marist (N.Y.) | 31 | 79 | 2.55 |
| Gary Grant | Michigan | 33 | 84 | 2.55 |
| Keith Webster | Harvard | 26 | 66 | 2.54 |
| Erner Anderson | St. Bonaventure | 28 | 71 | 2.54 |
| Jim Boyer | Maine | 27 | 67 | 2.48 |

NOTES: Ken Branford, who had 79 steals in 28 games (2.79 average) last year for U.S. International, dropped out of school. Alan Moses, who had 64 steals in 23 games (2.78 average) last year for Delaware State, did not have his scholarship renewed. Kenny Battle, who had 67 steals in 27 games (2.48 average) last year for Northern Illinois, will sit out this season after transferring to Illinois.

Northeastern's Reggie Lewis.

Dawson (Miami, Fla.) and Keith James (Nevada-Las Vegas) starting ahead of him, plus Herman Harried (Syracuse) with him on the bench, Lewis drew little attention.

"I wasn't a scorer then," Lewis said. "I was definitely a role player. I'd do what needed to be done, get the key rebounds, play defense. We had an unselfish team like that."

Lewis learned in practice how to protect the ball from Bogues' quick hands, how to guard jump shooters like Brown, how to strip the ball from quick forwards like Williams.

But the most difficult lesson probably was the ego submersion required on game days.

"People ask me now how it felt to play behind Reggie Williams," Lewis said. "Well, I've proven I'm as good as him."

Lewis was a true diamond in the rough. "I saw in him right away that he was a great athlete," said Fogel, Calhoun's long-time assistant. "We've always had good success taking a chance on athletes. Reggie was something like Perry Moss (now with the Philadelphia 76ers), who was a forward when he came here."

"So we made a commitment to Reggie when he was a junior. But it was impossible to see that he could shoot from 18 feet or handle the ball because he never did either in high school."

By the time Lewis was a senior, other coaches had become interested. But Northeastern had been there when nobody else was.

Dunbar was playing in the 1982 Johnstown (Pa.) Christmas Classic. Lewis,

though still a reserve, was named Most Valuable Player of the tournament.

"That was the first time we were sure he was going to be a great player," Fogel said.

And only one college coach witnessed the performance. A snowstorm kept away all but a hardy Calhoun. Thus, Lewis' most glorious moment as a high school player was upstaged not by a talented teammate, but by the weather. And Lewis, having learned something about loyalty, soon decided he would attend Northeastern.

Since that time, the Huskies have won three consecutive league championships. Lewis routinely pumps in about two dozen points each night, then signs autographs for the youngsters of Roxbury and the South End who watch him play in Matthews Arena.

"When I was a kid," Lewis said, "I never asked anyone for their autograph. I always wanted to be the one who was signing."

That goal achieved, Lewis plans to change his game slightly this year.

"The things I do won't show up in the statistics," he said. "I won't do any more scoring or rebounding than last year, but I will do things that won't be noticed."

Actually, everything Lewis does this year will be noticed by a contingent of National Basketball Association scouts that is much larger than the group of college coaches who showed interest in him in high school.

"It feels good to be in the spotlight," Lewis said, "and not in the shadows." ■

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Mark Jackson

St. John's Guard Makes Teammates Look Terrific

By TOM KERTES

If you see Willie Glass doubled over at an airport, don't worry. The St. John's forward hasn't succumbed to the weight of the 628 gold chains around his neck. It's just that he's been carrying Mark Jackson's bags.

Now the enormity of this discovery may not fully dawn upon you until you realize that most basketball players would rather have their shots rejected than carry their own bags. So why the sacrificial luggage-lugging? Simple: It's Willie's way of saying, "Thanks, Mark."

Great quarterbacks, you see, occupy a special place in hoop-hearts. And why not? All the other statistics—points, rebounds, steals, blocks and so on—make the player *himself* look good. The great assists man, however, makes the *other* players look good. And nobody in the history of college basketball has made his teammates look better than the new NCAA single-season dish-out record holder, Mark (Action) Jackson.

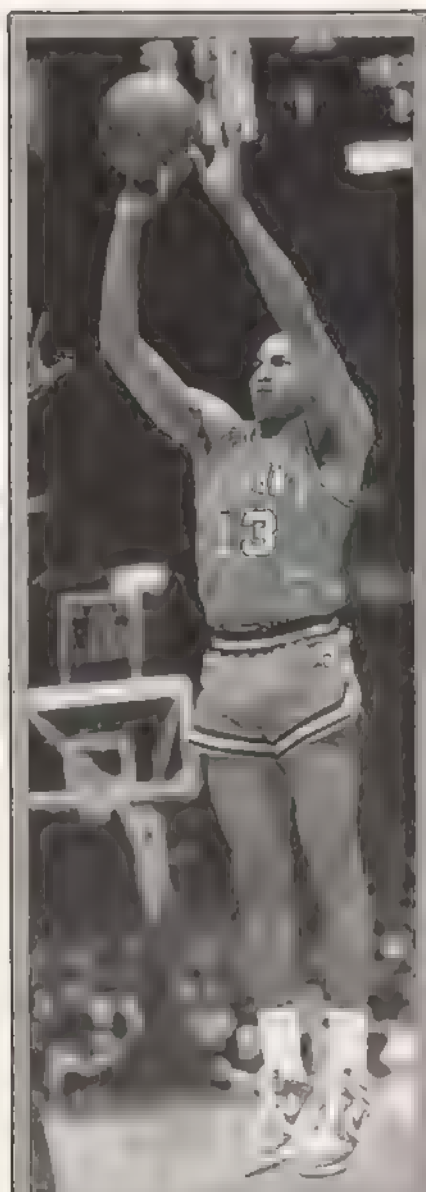
"Is it banal to call someone a true point guard? A coach on the floor?" asked Redmen Coach Lou Carnesecca. "I don't care. That's my definition of Mark. Heck, if he wants me to, I'll carry his bags."

All of this attention and praise is new to Jackson, whose 328 assists (9.1 average) broke the NCAA record of 309 set by Houston's Reid Gettys in 1984.

"I really believe that basketball is a game where your personality is right out there on the floor," Jackson said in his low-key, unassuming style. "And I was fortunate enough to be raised in a family where I was taught that self-sacrifice not only helps others, it also makes you a better person. So honestly, I don't mind sharing, or even being out of, the limelight."

Jackson has had far too many chances to practice that throughout his career. He was an outstanding player at Bishop Loughlin Memorial High School in Brooklyn, N.Y., but still was rated behind the Pearl Washingtons and the Kenny Smiths. His team won the state title as he scored 36 points in the championship game, but you couldn't find his name on the prep All-America lists with a magnifying glass.

"I wouldn't be truthful if I said it didn't bother me," the 6-foot-2 senior guard said. "But another thing I learned at home is to take adversity and somehow turn it to your advantage. So I just kept quiet and played ball. I knew my time would come."



St. John's Mark Jackson.

ASSISTS

(Leading Returnees)

| Player | School | G | No. | Avg. |
|------------------|------------------|----|-----|------|
| Mark Jackson | St. John's | 36 | 328 | 9.11 |
| Taurene Chisholm | Deaware | 27 | 230 | 8.52 |
| Tyrone Bogues | Wake Forest | 29 | 245 | 8.45 |
| Derrick Thomas | Monmouth (N.J.) | 25 | 205 | 8.20 |
| Frank Smith | Old Dominion | 31 | 253 | 8.16 |
| Darrell Davis | Marist (N.Y.) | 31 | 248 | 8.00 |
| Grayson Marshall | Clemson | 34 | 262 | 7.71 |
| Terry Corer | Alabama | 32 | 241 | 7.53 |
| Mark Wade | Nev.-Las Vegas | 38 | 283 | 7.45 |
| Michael Anderson | Drexel | 31 | 225 | 7.26 |
| Doug Wojcik | Navy | 35 | 251 | 7.17 |
| Fred Goppro | Houston Baptist | 26 | 186 | 7.15 |
| Cedric Hunter | Kansas | 39 | 278 | 7.13 |
| Carl Smith | Massachusetts | 28 | 191 | 6.82 |
| Brian Carr | Nebraska | 30 | 201 | 6.70 |
| Gerald White | Auburn | 33 | 221 | 6.70 |
| Harry Payne | Northern Arizona | 29 | 194 | 6.69 |
| Chris Serbeca | Bucknell | 29 | 191 | 6.59 |
| Andre LaFleur | Northeastern | 31 | 202 | 6.52 |

But not during his first two seasons at St. John's. Once again leading the nation in being underrated and overlooked, Jackson sat behind Mike Moses, a more experienced but clearly inferior player.

"Still, we were winning," Jackson recalled, smiling. "Maybe if we went 9-19 I would have spoken up. But when you're going to the Final Four, how can you complain?"

Then last year, finally, the job was his. And Jackson, who had begun his preparation for basketball greatness at the age of 6 by dribbling a ball in each hand while walking with his mother to the grocery store, grabbed the opportunity, squeezed it, strangled it and chewed it up. Besides leading the nation in assists, he set a St. John's single-game assists record with 16 against Providence and devastated the Big East Conference season standard owned by His Pearlness himself. Washington, the 13th choice in the recent National Basketball Association draft, tallied 110 assists in 16 Big East games as a freshman, which stood as the league high until Jackson sailed past that number in his 11th league game last year and finished with 150.

An infinite amount of confidence that got Jackson through the "pine times" now just pours out of his game. The ball is like a yo-yo glued to his hands—between the legs, behind the back, yet always efficient, with just the right touch of flamboyance. It's New York City rhythm tempered with (Larry) Bird-like floor vision.

Then once in a while, almost as if to show that he can be a spectacular scorer, too, when the mood strikes him, Jackson explodes. Mr. Low-Key will cuff the ball in full flight on a two-on-one break, fake the pass behind his back and, with the defender going every which way but the right one, pull the ball back and streak in for the dunk. It's pure Magic.

"I saw him do it on TV," he admitted, referring to the Los Angeles Lakers' Earvin Johnson, "and it just floored me. But as soon as I recovered, I ran down to the gym to make it my own."

"Hey, all players steal moves," he added, laughing. "You just have to make sure to steal the right ones."

Jackson, who earned All-Big East honors last season, is looking to impress even more people this winter.

"This year I'm on a mission," he said. "I look at the guys who are called the top point guards in the country and I know I can run a team with any of them. I want that chance to play pro ball."

Like the beer commercial says, "You've worked hard, you've earned your reward." Look out NBA, it's almost Jackson Time. ■

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Reggie Miller

UCLA Guard Is One of Nation's Premier Shooters

By BOB KEISSER

Reggie Miller's world came to an end when he was in the sixth grade.

Untold hours of practice in the Miller family backyard had made him a sharpshooter at the age of 12. He had won free-throw contests in Riverside and Pomona, Calif., advancing him to a regional competition in the big town, Los Angeles.

He was hot. He was confident. He was ready. But on that particular day, he was horrible.

"I lost in the first round," recalled Miller, now a 6-foot-7 senior forward at UCLA. "I was distraught and felt my world had ended.

"But my dad told me not to worry, that it wasn't everything. There would be other places for me to win contests and make baskets.

"He also told me to get back in the backyard and redeem myself."

Miller has, indeed, redeemed himself. He enters the 1986-87 season as one of the premier shooters in college basketball. He was fourth in the nation in scoring last year with 25.9 points per game, averaging 55.6 percent from the field and 88.2 percent from the free-throw line.

Miller's free-throw percentage ranked him 16th in the nation last year, good by any standards. But one of his goals this year is to improve on that number and put some streaks together.

"Free throws are all concentration, all mental," said the younger brother of women's basketball star Cheryl Miller. "On the road, in places like North Carolina and Notre Dame, you're facing loud, huge crowds in unfamiliar gyms. It all comes down to how well you block out the noise and pressure.

"My father always told me to take advantage of any free shot. You work too hard to miss those."

Miller was happy with his game last year, primarily because he expanded his range to include the inside. Opponents were providing so much outside pressure—and also dominating the shorter Bruins inside—that Miller began ducking inside for his points.

"It was nice because I found another way to score," he said, "and learned that I liked the physical part of the

game. It's good for me because it makes me more versatile.

"There's always room for improvement as a player and as a shooter. Until I feel I can shoot with my eyes closed, I'll never be totally satisfied with what I can do."

Miller's chances of improving his skills and statistics this winter are enhanced by two factors: a possible position switch and the new three-point rule.

The switch is possible because of the addition of center Greg Foster and forwards Trevor Wilson and Kevin Walker, three talented freshman recruits. With this extra front-line depth, Coach Walt Hazzard hopes to move Miller to shooting guard, a position that would put the ball in his hands more often.

"It's a great possibility," Miller said. "I played point guard as a junior in high school and off-guard my last year. This kind of switch would open up different avenues for me because most teams spent so much time trying to deny me the ball. In this case, I'd have the ball in my hands more often."

Miller also should benefit from the new NCAA rule that awards teams three points for field goals made beyond 19 feet, 9 inches. Miller's impressive 25.9-point average—the third-highest in school history—would have been about three points higher if the three-point goal had been used last year, when an estimated 80 of his 274 baskets were made from three-point range.

Miller said he expects to get more shots because opponents won't double-team him as often—not with the presence of an inside force on the team. The Bruins received little scoring help from the inside last year.

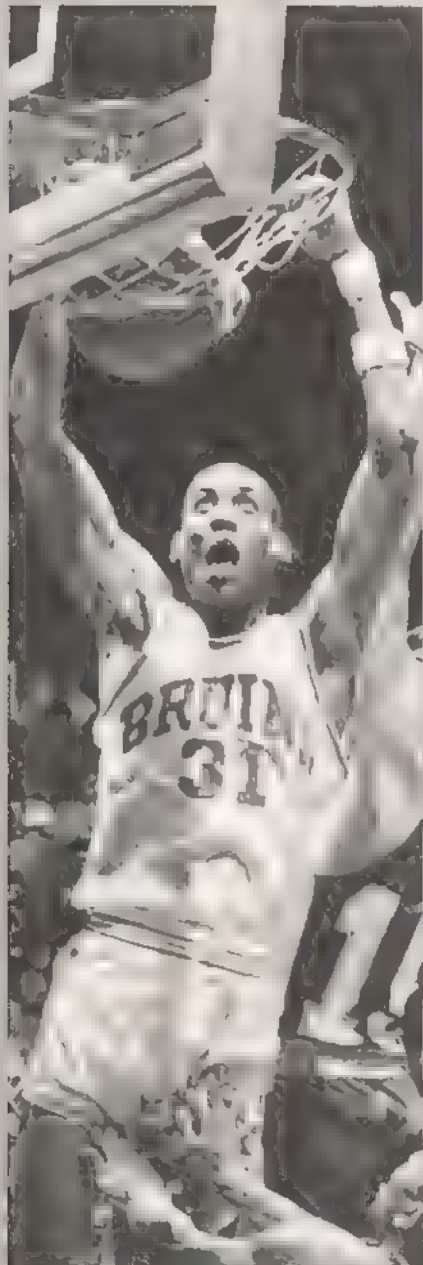
The only missing part of the equation is Miller's mental attitude. He is tough and smart, but at times he has let his emotions get away from him.

As a sophomore, he was benched one game for spitting at an opponent. Last year he made a gesture at an official in one game and drew a technical in another for throwing the ball at an opponent.

"There's been a lot of frustration and pressure the last two years, and I've let it get the best of me," he said. "I'm an intense player, and I didn't always respond well."

"Now I want to play like a Russian—cold-blooded, stone-faced, an executioner. My dad and Coach Hazzard have always said to let your basketball do your talking." ■

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UCLA's Reggie Miller.

FREE THROW PERCENTAGE

(Leading Returnees)

Minimum: 40 free throws made

| Player—School | FT | FTA | Pct. |
|-----------------------------------|-----|-----|------|
| Jim Barton, Dartmouth | 65 | 69 | 94.2 |
| Archie Tullios, Detroit | 42 | 46 | 91.3 |
| John Bajusz, Cornell | 89 | 99 | 89.9 |
| Derek Rucker, Davidson | 103 | 116 | 88.8 |
| Scott Brooks, Cal.-Irvine | 78 | 88 | 88.6 |
| Steve Wedower, Arkansas St. | 54 | 61 | 88.5 |
| Kevin Sawitz, Fairleigh Dickinson | 83 | 94 | 88.3 |
| Reggie Miller, UCLA | 202 | 229 | 88.2 |
| Ed Tutus, Rider | 96 | 109 | 88.1 |
| J.J. Jackson, Alabama | 44 | 50 | 88.0 |
| Anthony Wilson, LSU | 44 | 50 | 88.0 |
| Howard Evans, Temple | 99 | 113 | 87.6 |
| Tony White, Tennessee | 124 | 142 | 87.3 |
| Steve Alford, Indiana | 122 | 140 | 87.1 |
| Chris Elzey, Pennsylvania | 81 | 93 | 87.1 |
| Doug Novsek, Southern Illinois | 54 | 62 | 87.1 |
| Bill Brennan, Vermont | 67 | 77 | 87.0 |
| Cliff Rees, Navy | 53 | 61 | 86.9 |
| Keith Webster, Harvard | 71 | 82 | 86.6 |
| David Moss, Tulsa | 116 | 134 | 86.6 |
| Paul Robertson, St. Mary's | 58 | 67 | 86.6 |

NOTE—Arizona's Steve Kerr, who hit 71 of 79 free throws (89.9 percent) last year, will sit out this season after undergoing knee surgery.

Scorers

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(New York) Knicks right away, and I still believe that," said St. Francis (Pa.) Coach Kevin Porter, a former National Basketball Association guard. "He's one of the better guards in Division I. I'm pretty sure he'll lead the country in scoring again. Bailey knows how to get his points."

Bailey's improvement as a player has coincided with his personal growth. Raised in Trenton, N.J., and the eighth of nine children, Bailey encountered his first personal tragedy at age 4, when his father died. Nine years later his mother passed away.

"That did something to him," said Deiores Walker, Bailey's older sister, who took Terrance into her home. "He was very close to mother, and her loss took a great toll."

"Terrance has had a lot of bumps and knocks. After he moved in there was a lot of hollering and punishing."

And basketball. From the sixth grade on, Bailey was never far from a ball. Playing the game was easy for him. Life away from the court was not.

"He was a very hyper kid," Walker said. "And he had a nasty attitude. I told him he would have trouble making it because of it."

Bailey did not cause trouble as a teenager; he just refused to exert himself, displaying indifference to whatever life threw at him. But basketball was different. He was obsessed with winning, and his Ewing High School teams rarely lost.

Bailey was a junior when Kennett first saw him. And it took nothing more than the sight of Bailey's hand to convince him that the youngster was special.

"I was an assistant then," Kennett said. "I went to Trenton to scout a kid in the afternoon and I decided to stay for the Ewing-McCorristin game that night. The game was absolutely sold out, and it took me 15 minutes to talk my way in. Steve Brown (who now plays at Rutgers) was flying down the floor for a layup. All of a sudden a hand appears and pins the ball at the top of the square. I grabbed the guy next to me—I had no idea who he was—and said, 'Who is that?' He said, 'Terrance Bailey.' I took out my little black book and wrote his name down."

On the first day of school the next fall, Kennett, who by then had become head coach, was at Ewing to offer Bailey a scholarship. Wagner was the only school that seriously courted Bailey, largely because his high school team was so good, the reserves were sent in before he could score lots of points.

"We would beat teams so badly that I usually only played half the game," he said.

Bailey wanted to go to Wagner, but the basketball genius was having problems in the classroom—another reason why other schools were not recruiting him.



Wagner's Terrance Bailey knows how to put the ball in the basket.

"He wasn't a good student," Kennett said. "Terrance was a borderline predictor right down to his last marking period. I called his guidance counselor twice a week the entire school year. I sweated right down to the last day, and he made it with exactly a 2.0 average."

Bailey's freshman year was a struggle. The Seahawks went 8-20, and Bailey took only a cursory interest in his schoolwork. Near the end of the season, he skipped a practice. Kennett suspended him, and he missed the last two games.

"He was a tough kid to handle," Kennett said. "He did anything he wanted, and he had trouble handling authority. Losing was tough on him, and he wasn't putting the effort into his schoolwork. At the end of his freshman year he had a 1.61 GPA. (But) I think the suspension shook him up."

Bailey averaged 15.5 points as a freshman, but he agreed that it was not a good year.

"We lost the first game (by 50 points)," he said, "and I was ready to quit then.

(And) I was wild off the court. My temper was flaring. I didn't feel like playing, practicing or going to class."

And the suspension? "I don't think it changed me," he said.

But Kennett said Bailey returned as a sophomore with an improved attitude. Bailey was moved to point guard and led the team with a 20.2 scoring average and 160 assists and was named to the All-ECAC Metro team.

His maturation continued last season. Senior captain Art Redmond went down for the year with a fractured leg in the season's second game, leaving the scoring and leadership obligations to Bailey. He responded by handling the ball in almost every crucial situation Wagner confronted. And Bailey, who is majoring in education with a minor in business, compiled a 2.5 grade-point average.

"The scoring title was just something I accomplished," he said. "We needed more points, and I had the ball more."

Opponents were painfully aware of that.

"He kills you three ways," Long Island Coach Paul Lizzo said. "He can hit the jumper, drive to the basket or pass off. Bailey is capable of scoring 30 to 40 points in every game."

Bailey also has rekindled interest in the Seahawks' basketball program. In fact, a campus movement to drop the program to Division III was gaining momentum before Bailey entered the picture.

"It's fair to say that Terrance saved Division I basketball at Wagner," Kennett said.

And his own life seems to be taking some direction, too.

"He's growing up," said his high school coach, Emil Wandishin. "In the past he heard you but didn't listen. Now he is headed in the right direction."

Said Walker: "His whole attitude has changed. I'm really proud of him now."

So is Kennett.

"Now he's one of the best kids we've got," the coach said. "Somewhere between that first year and this one, he has stopped thinking 'I' and 'me' and is totally 'we' and 'us.' He never misses a practice, never causes a problem. He has become a fun guy, he's likable. The chip is off his shoulder. You can't imagine how far he's come as a person."

Bailey said he hopes to have an NBA career and then start his own business. He doesn't get nearly as much publicity as many of the country's other star guards, but in time, he said, it will even out.

"I'm as good as they are," Bailey said. "Once I'm drafted into the NBA it won't matter if I'm from Wagner, Duke or Louisville."

That's a statement from a young man who has become passionate about his game—and his life. ■



Illinois' Ken Norman.

FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE

(Leading Returnees)

Minimum: 75 field goals made

| Player | School | FG | FGA | Pct. |
|-------------------|--------------------|-----|-----|------|
| Brian Miles | Oral Roberts | 103 | 157 | 65.6 |
| Carlton Valentine | Michigan St. | 80 | 123 | 65.0 |
| Robert Haugen | S. Mary's | 120 | 186 | 64.9 |
| Derek Caracolo | Howard | 89 | 138 | 64.5 |
| Ken Norman | Illinois | 216 | 337 | 64.1 |
| Derrick McKey | Alabama | 178 | 280 | 63.6 |
| Lee Campbell | Middle Tenn. St. | 130 | 205 | 63.4 |
| George Jones | N. Western La. | 130 | 207 | 62.8 |
| Rick Smith | Marist (N.Y.) | 216 | 347 | 62.2 |
| John Tate | Arkansas State | 84 | 135 | 62.2 |
| Terry Williams | SMU | 150 | 242 | 62.0 |
| Gerald Bush | Northwestern (La.) | 153 | 247 | 61.9 |
| Jerome Fitchett | Florida State | 126 | 205 | 61.5 |
| Walter McDermott | Jacksonville | 125 | 204 | 61.3 |
| Tom Hammonds | Georgia Tech | 168 | 276 | 60.9 |
| Keenan DeBose | No. Tex. St. | 83 | 137 | 60.6 |
| David Robinson | Navy | 294 | 484 | 60.7 |
| Michael Morgan | Drake | 98 | 162 | 60.5 |
| Matt Ballard | Colorado | 142 | 235 | 60.4 |
| Michael Anvey | Alabama | 87 | 144 | 60.4 |
| Jerome Batiste | McNeese State | 244 | 404 | 60.4 |
| Darwin Manning | Kansas | 279 | 465 | 60.0 |
| Robert McIlwaine | Howard | 101 | 164 | 59.8 |
| Duane Ferrell | Georgia Tech | 172 | 289 | 59.5 |

*DeBose played in only 14 games last season after sitting out a year following his transfer from Arkansas.

NOTE—like Mitchell, who shot 60.0 percent from the floor last year for Texas-Arlington, will not play this season because he is academically ineligible.

dwindled down to the last three regular-season games.

At that point, Norman exploded off the bench for 25 points and 11 rebounds to lead an 86-43 trampling of Purdue. The rout was a 63-point turnaround from a 54-34 flop at Purdue a month earlier.

It was the last time that year Norman sat with Henson for the tipoff. Starting the last five games of the season, including three in the NCAA playoffs, Norman averaged 15.8 points and 8.8 rebounds while playing out of position as a too-small center in the strong-arm Big Ten Conference. He finished the season with the school record for field-goal shooting (63.2 percent)—a mark he bettered as a junior.

"In all my years," said Henson, who is entering his 25th season as a college head coach, "I've never had a player improve as dramatically as he has. Now he's determined to be a perimeter player because that's where he'll play pro."

Last season, Norman snaked to the basket (hence his nickname) at center because Illinois had seniors at forward.

"It was their show," he said. "The year belonged to them."

Even though it wasn't his show, he led the Illini in scoring (16.4 average) and rebounding (7.1) anyway.

"I'm a scorer," he said. "That's my game. I just love to put the ball through the hoop."

Norman, whom Indiana Coach Bob Knight called "unstoppable," goes to the hoop fired by memories of a family of 11 children divided between his mother and grandmother after his father died when Ken was 11.

"Someday, I want to be able to put my mother in a situation where she won't want for anything," he said. "And I figure if it comes down to me against a guy who came from a home where he had everything, I'm going to win because I want it more."

He flirted last spring with trying the draft a year early but declined because the NBA demands proven 6-8 forwards, not 6-8 centers. Henson will give him his chance at forward this year.

Norman, of course, is prepared. Three days a week through summer vacation he practiced shooting for 90 minutes and lifted weights for an hour. His 295-pound bench press takes him beyond small forwards and into the realm of line-backers.

The other four days, Norman played games. In the Chicago summer league, where hometown NBA stars such as Isiah Thomas, Mark Aguirre and Terry Cummings are mixed with other pros, near-pros and college players, he averaged 41 points while running the floor and shooting 17-footers.

He turned himself into a forward. "I never thought I'd see the day he could be a perimeter player," Henson said. "Usually, if a player isn't shooting from the outside when we get him (in college), he doesn't improve that much. But Ken Norman is unique." ■

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Statistics

Ken Norman

Hard Work Pays Large Dividends For Illinois Star

By BOB PILLE

Hanging from a gold chain around Ken Norman's neck are three golden baubles.

"SNAKE," his nickname.

"33," his number at Illinois.

And a miniature Mercedes-Benz sports roadster, the ultimate toy of the first-round National Basketball Association draft pick, which the 6-foot-8 Norman expects to be next spring.

Missing is the fourth medal that belongs and makes reasonable the other three: "WORK."

For Norman, it should be cast in solid gold.

"I'm a self-motivator," he said. "I call myself a workaholic."

Norman figures he has toiled with a basketball almost every day since he sprouted to 6-6 as a junior in high school and put aside baseball and football, his first two loves on the playgrounds of Chicago.

"When I was younger, I just played," he said. "Now I work at what I need to patch up any holes in my game. I don't want my basketball career to end with college."

Illini Coach Lou Henson offered testimonials that the end is not near.

"He shot .641 last year; he's the Number 1 percentage shooter in the country coming back this year," said Henson, citing the NCAA rankings that require a minimum of five field goals made per game. "He's an improved, very good free-throw shooter, an excellent rebounder and one of the finest defensive players in the league. If he just plays like he did last year, he'll probably go in the top five or 10 in the draft."

If the proper finish to Norman's college career and the start of his pro career appear assured, that wasn't always the case. His work ethic on the court was well suited to Illinois, which has played in the NCAA Tournament the last four years by putting the blue-collar virtues of rebounding and defense ahead of offensive flash and dash. But prior to his arrival in Champaign, Norman's study ethic had him targeted for an early entrance into the working world.

Low high school grades sent Norman packing to junior college. After a season at Wabash Valley College in Mount Carmel, Ill., he transferred to Illinois where, safe from recruiting predators, he sat out a year while getting on the classroom track toward graduation.

Even after he became eligible for the 1985 season, Norman spent most of his time on the bench. He was laden with 53-point, 2.3-rebound averages as the year

'Sarge' Selects

By STEVE RICHARDSON

Finally, Norris Coleman is the star of a stationary show. There are no more patrols. There are no more reassignments.

He is digging in.

Coleman has turned in his 6-year-old Army fatigues for roots, real roots, in Manhattan, Kan., a farm town 125 miles from Kansas City. It is Quetsville, U.S.A., a locale that seems most unlikely to compete with the likes of Louisiana State and Kentucky for the services of one of the country's best amateur basketball players.

But Manhattan, home of the Kansas State Wildcats, not only competed with these heavyweights and won, but won twice. Wildcats coaches persuaded the former soldier to come to Manhattan in the first place, and when it appeared that a lengthy eligibility ordeal with the NCAA would force him to head for greener pastures in another college town, Coleman surprised almost everyone by deciding to stay put.

It was not a simple decision.

Coleman's collegiate future was complicated by his high school past. After playing in 28 games for the Wildcats as a freshman last year, it was discovered that he had not compiled the necessary 2.0 grade-point average at Paxon High School in Jacksonville, Fla. So, the NCAA ruled that Coleman should not have been eligible to accept an athletic scholarship to a Division I school. Kansas State declared him ineligible for the team's two remaining games.

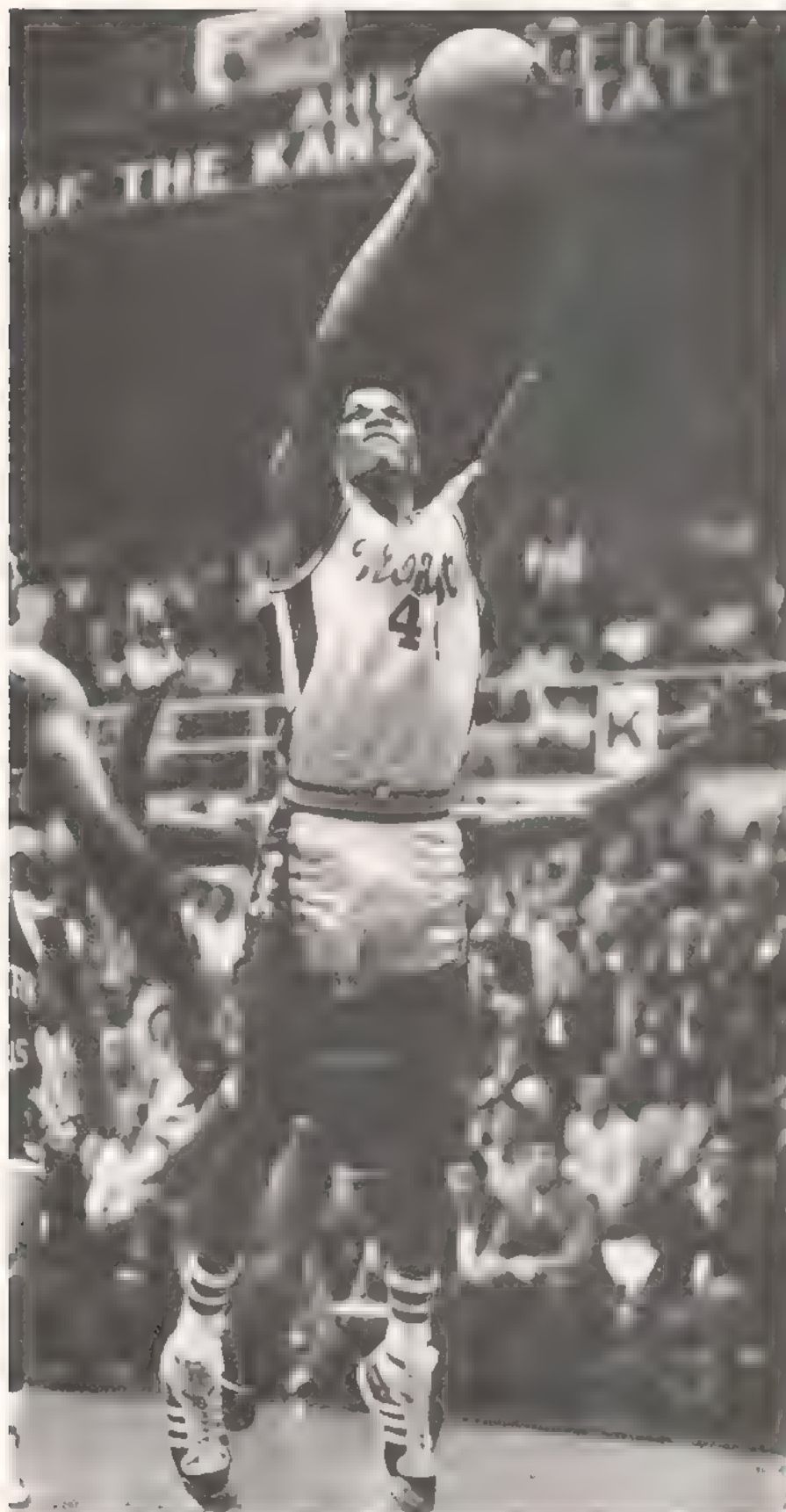
Where did this tangled mess leave Coleman? Well, he had a choice. The NCAA said that he could stay at Kansas State, where he could not play until February 27, 1987, one year after the date he had been declared ineligible. He would retain only two years of eligibility afterward. Or, he could pack his bags, head to any Division I school outside the Big Eight Conference, have three years of eligibility remaining and play immediately.

At that point, about two dozen coaches started drooling, hoping to entice Coleman, the nation's leading freshman scorer with 21.8 points per game a year ago, to prolong his career in their gymnasiums. Coleman gave it some thought, making visits to Maryland (reportedly the leading contender), Virginia, Jacksonville (his hometown), Kentucky and LSU, all of which participated in the 1986 NCAA Tournament. Kansas State hasn't been to the Promised Land since 1982.

The smart money said that Coleman would wave goodbye to the Farm Belt.

The smart money would have lost.

"There are several reasons I have chosen to stay at the school that showed faith in me first and stayed with me throughout



Norris Coleman will continue to thrill Wildcat fans with jump shots...

Kansas State

this whole affair," the 25-year-old forward said. "People here at Kansas State have made me feel wanted and worked hard for me throughout all that has gone on the past several months.

"I have established a good academic record (2.74 GPA in one year) at Kansas State. I am excited that I will have an opportunity to be part of Coach (Lon) Kruger's new program."

When was the tipoff that Coleman would not leave? Maybe it was last spring, when he made an unexpected appearance at the news conference announcing the hiring of Kruger to replace Jack Hartman. Maybe it was when people realized that his girlfriend, a member of the Wildcats' track team, wanted him to stay. Or maybe it was when he first arrived in Manhattan and sang the virtues of small-town living.

The last theory seems the most likely. In the end, Coleman had a love affair with the fans in Manhattan, who affectionately call him "Sarge." They provided the laid-back atmosphere he cherished. He doesn't like the fanfare of big-time, high-profile college programs—never has, even in high school. In fact, he actually fought off the few recruiters who had visited him his senior year and chose to enlist in the Army instead.

"The scouts would be in the gym," Coleman recalled, "and I would slip out and try and avoid them. Me and my friends had agreed to go into the Army on the buddy system. Before my senior year in high school I already was going to the Army.

"I was getting bored at home. I wanted to get away from home, travel and start a new life and do something new. I saw guys going into the Army and driving new cars."

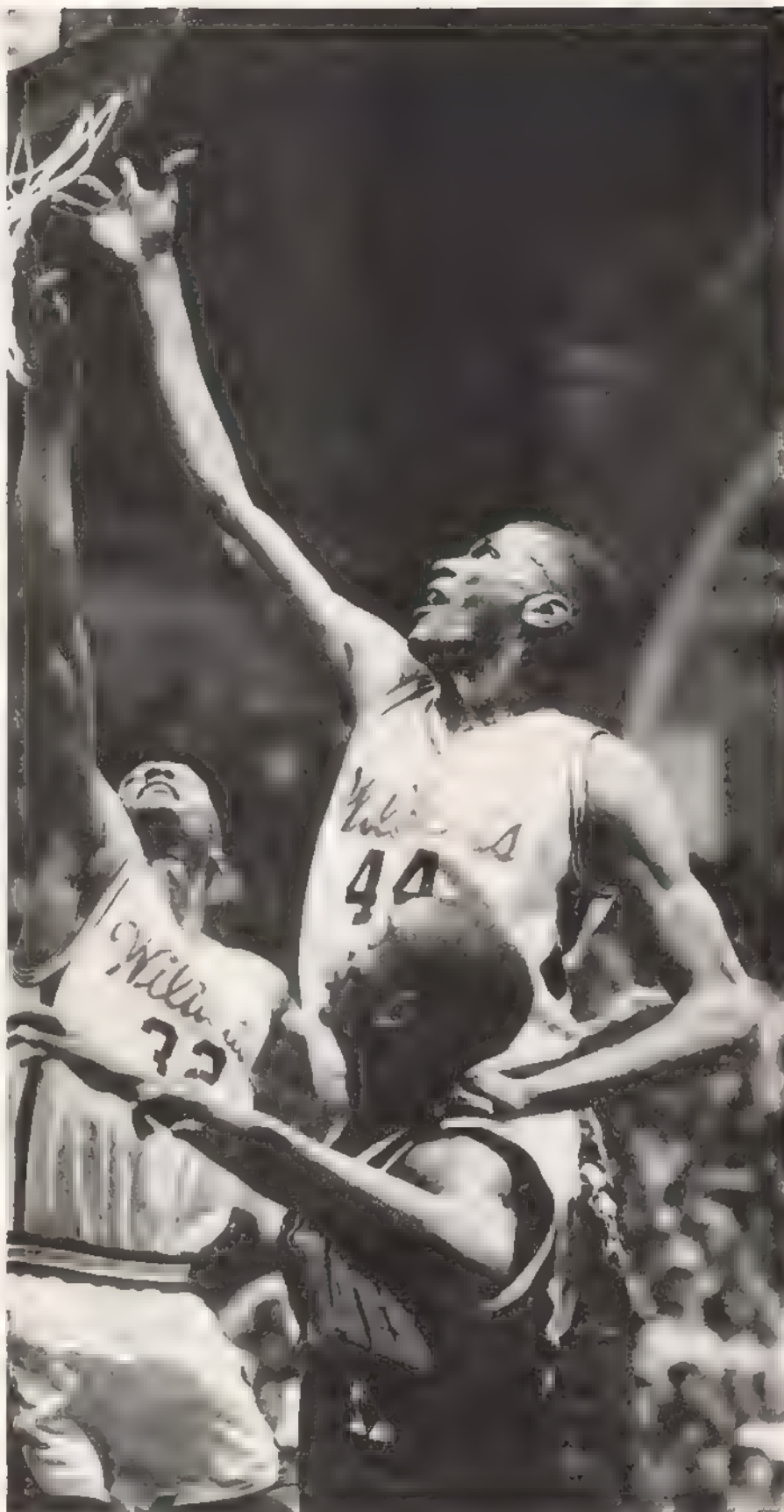
Coleman's size—a skinny 6-foot-4—kept down the number of recruiters he dodged.

"He came out of high school and was extremely thin, and his high school play wasn't all that impressive," said Hartman, who resigned after 16 years as the Wildcats' coach.

But in the next few years, Coleman grew four inches, put on some weight and honed his skills on Army post teams at Fort Campbell, Ky., and in Schweinfurt, West Germany. He was enjoying playing basketball, but he also was enjoying military life. He rose to the rank of sergeant.

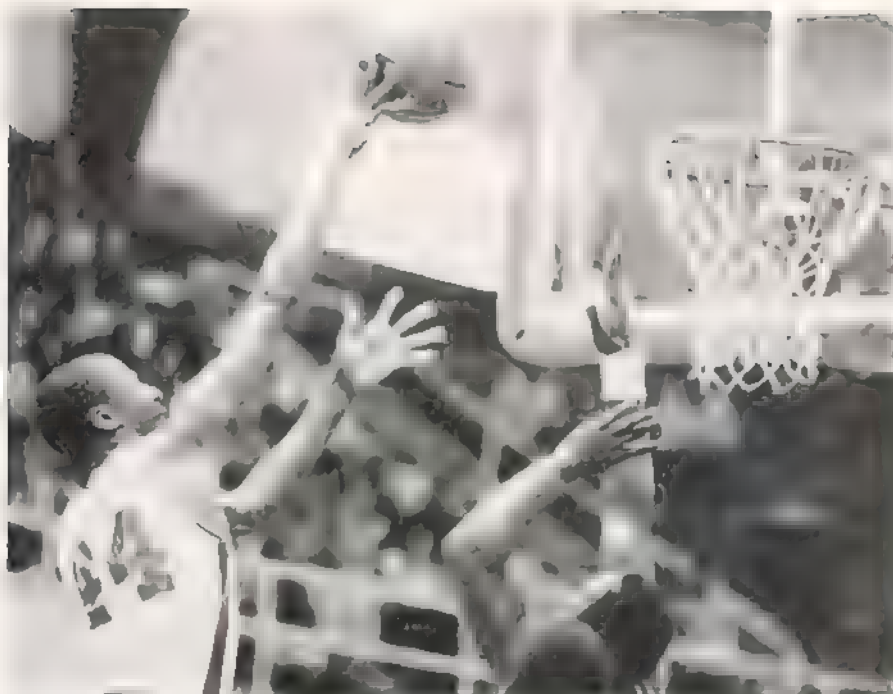
"College basketball wasn't on my mind," Coleman said. "I wanted to reenlist and be an officer. I was in charge of eight or nine people. They didn't have to salute me, but I could call them to attention. If guys acted up, I'd make them do extra duty—collect grass, that kind of stuff."

Coleman's interest in basketball picked



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... and the aggressiveness that made him one of the nation's top freshmen.



Norris Coleman, who chose the Army life after high school, honed his basketball skills and made a big freshman splash at Kansas State.

Coleman

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up when he went to the Amateur Athletic Union Tournament in Topeka, Kan., in April 1985. By that time, he realized that he could play with his best competition.

"I saw players I played against in high school getting all this prestige, and they were just average players," he said. "They get all the headlines."

Major college recruiters converged on him at the tournament. Among them was Hartman, who knew right away that Coleman was special.

"What I said that got everybody's attention," Hartman said, "was that he was farther along at this stage than Rolando Blackman (a former Wildcats star)."

Unlike in high school, Coleman listened to the sales pitches from recruiters this time.

"I talked to Louisville and Denny Crum, Texas-San Antonio, Marquette and Louisiana Tech," Coleman said. "It would start at 4 o'clock, and it would be 8 o'clock before I would get to go back to the hotel."

"But I didn't want to go to a nationally recognized team. I talked to (Kansas Coach) Larry Brown. I saw what they had recruited, and I didn't want to get lost in the shuffle."

"The first time I was in Kansas was for the AAU Tournament. It is nice, quiet. If I had gone to San Antonio, I wouldn't have gotten much studying done. It would have been the big party life."

Coleman was granted a release from his Army commitments and rode the bus to Manhattan, ready to make a name for himself.

He certainly did that. By the end of his freshman season, Coleman had rewritten the record books for Kansas State freshmen, including points (609) and scoring

average. Coleman set single-game freshman records with 39 points against Colorado and 16 rebounds against Oklahoma. His most impressive early showing was a 25-point, nine-rebound outburst at Indiana, which beat the Wildcats, 78-71, after trailing most of the game.

Opponents had a devil of a time trying to guard the long-armed Coleman, who was proficient at both driving to the hoop and launching a silky jumper. He scored 30 or more points seven times, more than 20 points 18 times and was in double figures in all but three games.

"He can rebound (eight per game) and shoot the ball," Iowa State Coach Johnny Orr said. "I was surprised with his range. For a big guy, he has good range. He can shoot 15 to 18 feet. I also am impressed with his actions. I met him in person, and I am impressed with him as a person."

Said Randy McCoy, an assistant coach at Morehead State: "I think offensively he could play in the NBA right now. He's a hot ticket."

But for the moment, he's in limbo. He can do no more than practice with the Wildcats until the end of the season.

Or can he? Legal action and a possible restraining order against the NCAA allowing Coleman to play before the end of February are possibilities.

"The legal side, I am not going to comment on," said Jeff Schemmel, Coleman's lawyer. "I really can't. . . . We are going to do our best for Norris to get him eligible. Let's put it that way."

But Schemmel also echoed Coleman's sentiments, which seem to point to a lawsuit sometime before this season.

"To Norris, the big thing at his age is to be able to play," Schemmel said. "He doesn't believe he can sit out what is in essence a whole year and not be allowed to showcase his abilities. Certainly, if he wants to stay at Kansas State, the lawsuit

is the only way to pursue it."

Coleman's specific plans remained a mystery, much as was his past until it untwined last winter. While Coleman was slam-dunking and shooting the lights out across the Big Eight, there were rumblings about discrepancies in his age as well as his grades.

Under an NCAA rule—which was rescinded last January but was in effect when Coleman was recruited by Kansas State—Army recruits such as Coleman would lose one year of eligibility for each year of non-collegiate competition after the age of 20. Kansas State made two mistakes, listing Coleman's birthdate two years off (1963 instead of 1961) and saying that he had been in the Army four years when the actual number was six.

Coleman was barnstorming on post teams in Germany as early as 1981-82, when most of the current college players still were in high school. End result: Some recruiters dropped off early, assuming that Coleman had little, if any, college eligibility left. Imagine their surprise when Norris Coleman, freshman phenom, started grabbing the headlines at Kansas State.

Coleman's age mystery was never completely solved. School officials said they were unaware he had played in Germany, and Coleman said he was unaware that competition after age 20 would count against his eligibility.

But in the end, Coleman's high school transcript problem created his eligibility crisis. The NCAA apparently chose not to penalize him for his Army basketball experience, instead focusing on the revelation that he was not a 2.0 qualifier.

Coleman, whose only weakness as a player appears to be his defense, started his last game against Missouri, tallying 17 points and 11 rebounds in the Wildcats' 84-69 loss. The next day, Kansas State declared him ineligible. The Wildcats finished meekly with two losses and a 16-14 record.

Coleman, however, did not hang his head or vanish. Dressed in a suit for the final two games, he sat on the bench, signed autographs and talked with friends. He spent last summer in Manhattan taking classes.

"He had the opportunity to go nearly anywhere in the country," Kruger said, "but he selected to stay at Kansas State. It's a good endorsement for the school. I also think it will have a positive effect on the attitude and morale of the other players. His presence helps a lot more than just his on-the-court contribution."

Whether his next appearance on a court is this fall or next spring, be assured that the Wildcats' star forward will be making life exciting for his legion of fans in Manhattan.

"I would put him up there as good as any of the forwards in the nation," said Ben Mitchell, a teammate last season. "He shoots as well as any of them. He has just not had a chance to show it."

He will soon. The ex-soldier is digging in. ■

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PROPOSITION 48

Junior Colleges May Feel Impact Of NCAA Rule

By MICHAEL L. JOHNSON

Adrian Simmons was born one year too late.

If the guard from Pensacola, Fla., had graduated from Escambia High School a year earlier with the 2.3 grade-point average he attained last spring, he now would be playing at Missouri, which had offered him a scholarship.

Instead, Simmons is attending nearby Pensacola Junior College this fall.

Montana, Weber State and Oregon all were interested in Keith Reynolds, an all-state pick from Oregon. But now Reynolds is playing at the College of Southern Idaho.

What happened? Why didn't they go to the Division I colleges that would have been thrilled to add them to their rosters?

The reason for the plight of Simmons, Reynolds and many other young men seeking to play basketball at a major college is NCAA Bylaw 5-1-(j).

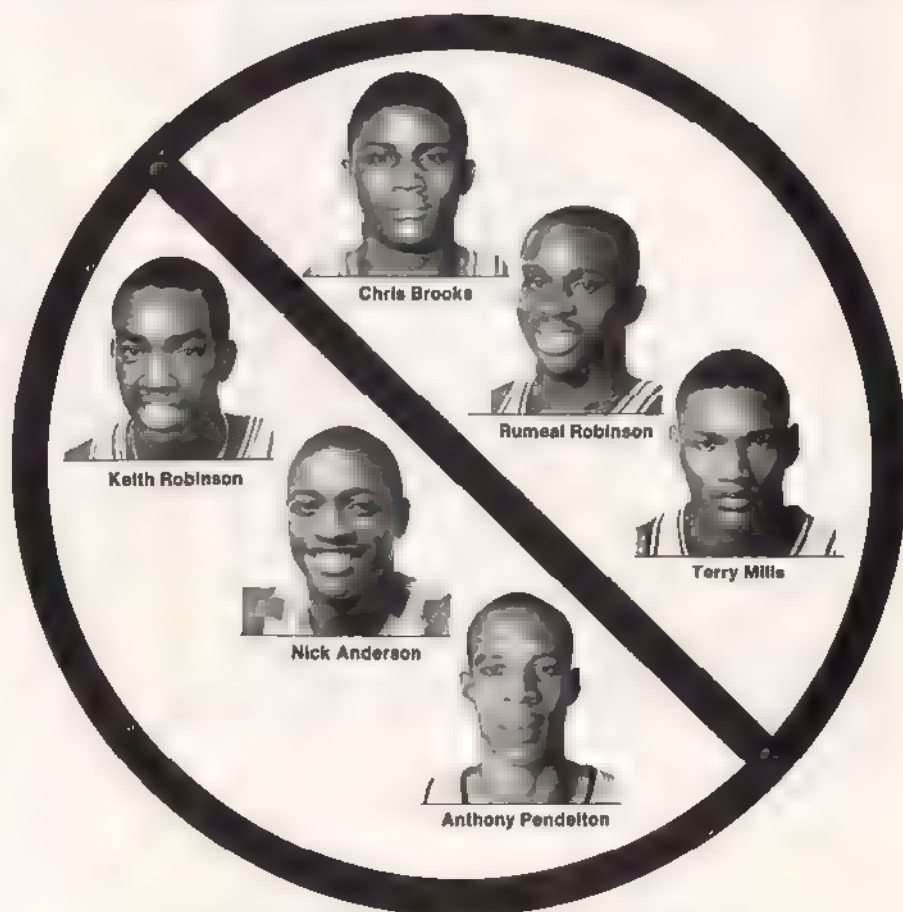
Introduced as Proposition 48 at the NCAA convention in 1983, the new rule specifies that potential qualifiers for an athletic scholarship at a Division I school must meet two requirements:

- An accumulative minimum 2.0 GPA in a core curriculum of at least 11 specified academic courses in the areas of English, math, social science and natural or physical science

- A score of at least 700 on the verbal and math sections of the SAT or a score of 15 on the ACT.

Few criticized the first provision of the new rule. The latter requirement, however, drew considerable reaction.

"I'm against using the test scores to determine eligibility because I think it's discriminatory," Illinois Coach Lou Henson said. "All you have to do is research the last 10 years and you will find that a high percentage of the inner-city players have had difficulty with the test."



Six talented victims of the NCAA's new eligibility rule.

Said Arkansas Coach Nolan Richardson: "I think it's going to hurt black athletes more than anybody."

Though amended at the 1986 convention in New Orleans to allow the use of a sliding-scale formula for its first two years, Bylaw 5-1-(j) went into effect August 1.

The impact was overwhelming.

"Seventy percent of my calls right now deal with 5-1-(j)," NCAA legislative assistant Steve Mallonee said.

Among those affected were Terry Mills and Rumeal Robinson, who had signed letters-of-intent with Michigan; Anthony Pendelton (Iowa), Nick Anderson (Illinois), Stacey Augmon (Nevada-Las Vegas) and Keith Robinson (Notre Dame), all of whom were listed in the top 25 of most scouting services' national reports. Many other top recruits failed to meet the new scholastic guidelines.

What were their options?

For those who possessed a 2.0 GPA there was the unstimulating prospect of accepting the scholarship (or some other form of institutional aid) and sitting out a year. No playing, no practicing, no special tutoring. Just come to school like any other student and concentrate on grades—all for the stiff price of one year's eligibility.

Or, in order to retain four years' playing time, they could pay their own way, covering the first year of college expenses with family funds, income from a summer job or a student loan.

Another option is to lower their sights and attend a Division II or III or NAIA school, where test scores are not necessary.

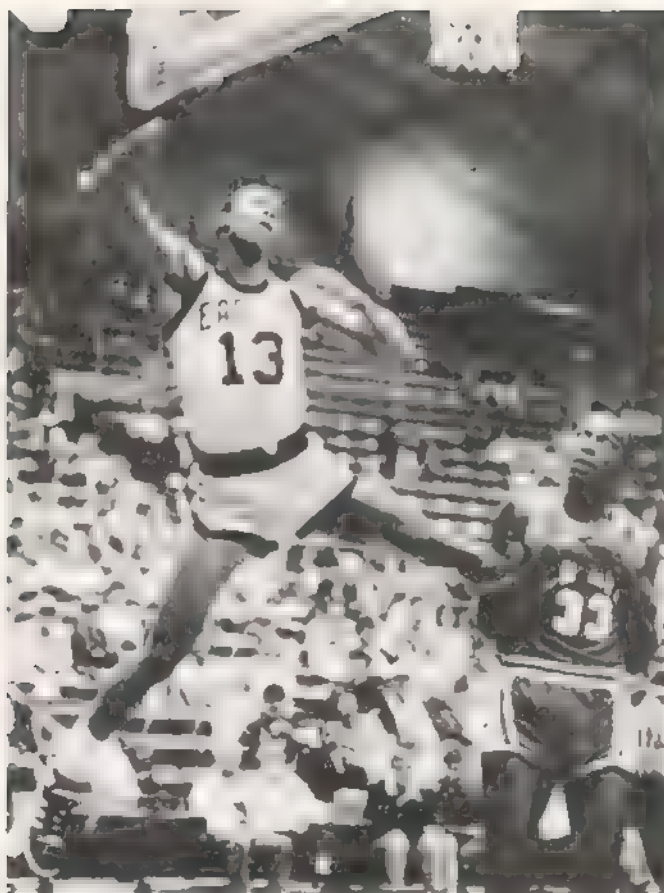
Or they could choose the same route as Simmons and Reynolds: Go to junior college.

"I don't think there's any doubt that it's going to be like it was back when I played and coached," Purdue Coach Gene Keady said.

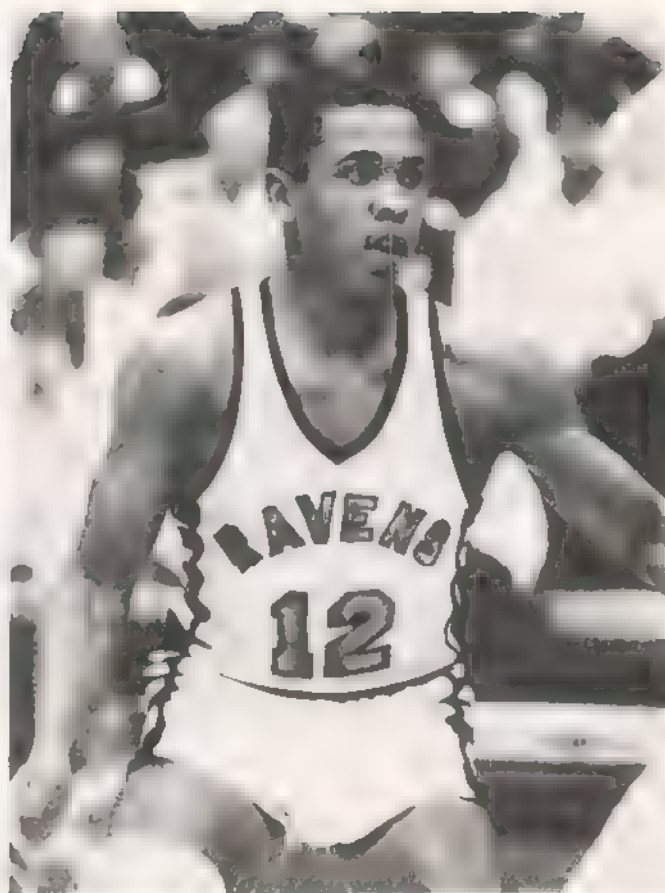
When Keady was a player at Garden City (Kan.) Community College and a coach at Hutchinson (Kan.) Community College, NCAA eligibility requirements were even more stringent than they are now under Bylaw 5-1-(j). In fact, freshmen were not allowed to play on the varsity.

So, the junior college ranks were filled with such names as Bob McAdoo, Artis Gilmore, Fred Brown, Spencer Haywood, John Johnson, Tom Henderson, Fatty Taylor, Mo Layton, Slick Watts, Tim Bassett and Ron Behagen. The 1969 and 1970 National Junior College Athletic Association

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Southern Idaho's Joe Johnson (left), brother of Boston Celtics guard Dennis Johnson, will be worth watching.



So will Michael Porter of San Jacinto, the No. 1 ranked junior college team in the nation last season.

NCAA Rule

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tion Basketball Tournaments alone produced 15 pros, more than half of whom eventually had careers lasting five or more years.

Throughout the summer, speculation regarding the effects of Bylaw 5-1-(j) on junior college programs fell into two camps.

Some junior college coaches viewed the rule with skepticism.

"I think the best position to be in is the person administering that test," said Bob Kirk, coach at Allegany (Md.) Community College. "I'd like to have the money they're going to get from people retaking it."

Allen Pickering, coach at Lincoln (Ill.) Junior College, also believes money will be used to circumvent the intent of the rule.

"I'll tell you what's going to happen," he said. "Every great player is going to mysteriously find a job that will be just enough money to pay his own way through his first year."

Others were more optimistic.

"There are a lot of kids right now saying they've signed at different schools," said Fred Trenkle, coach at the College of Southern Idaho. "Reality's going to slap them in the face in the next few months. I think there will be a lot of excellent kids who choose to go to juco."

Washington's Andy Russo, a former jun-

ior college coach himself, agreed.

"Like I've told people all along, just open up The Sporting News down toward the end of August and look at that list they usually have of college basketball transactions," Russo said. "It'll be unbelievable."

By summer's end, the pessimists appeared to have made the right prediction. Instead of committing two years toward a junior college degree, most signees whose test scores weren't up to snuff decided to accept a scholarship and sit out their first year. Michigan recruits Mills and Robinson and Notre Dame's Robinson chose that option.

There was some migration from Division I to junior colleges, but nothing approaching what many had foreseen.

"A couple of schools get players to sit out, now they all want to do it," said Bob Kivisto, coach at Independence (Kan.) Community College. "This first year, there are going to be less great players in the jucos than there were before."

Quipped Ronnie Arrow, coach of defending NJCAA champion San Jacinto (Tex.) College "I'm going to try and get a head coaching job in the sit-out league."

Besides affecting the pool of available talent, Bylaw 5-1 (j) also has changed the junior college-major college recruiting climate.

"Four-year schools, which in the past have encouraged kids to go to juco and maybe helped jucos get some kids, are doing just the opposite," Kivisto said. "They're trying to hide kids. I've had less four-year coaches willing to help me this

year—and even told me to stay away. They've usually been very cooperative."

David Farrar, a former Western Kentucky assistant now coaching at Hutchinson, said: "In some cases it's a three-front battle. Not only are we recruiting against other junior colleges, but we're recruiting against the original Division I school (which wants the kids to stay put) and, in some cases, a second Division I school (trying to lure kids away)."

The net effect has been hard feelings.

"I've had some people call me and say: 'Hey! Don't recruit the kid. We want him to sit out,'" Farrar said. "I said: 'Now wait a minute. The kid is a player. And he can't play at your school by the rules which you abide by. He can play at mine. I don't see it as unethical to recruit him. Very likely I can't overcome you, but I want to give him that option. It'll be up to him to decide. Not up to you'."

"I've lost some friends over this deal."

Kansas' Larry Brown is one Division I coach who agrees that the decision should rest with those whose futures are most affected by Bylaw 5-1-(j)—the athletes themselves.

"I don't think you can force kids to do anything," Brown said. "I think it's entirely up to the individual."

Brown said he considers junior college a viable alternative for some because of the harsh stipulation that non-qualifiers not be allowed to play or practice their first year—a situation Missouri Coach Norm Stewart likened to "telling a trumpet player that he can't blow the horn."

Said Brown. "There are a lot of kids I don't think can handle that. In all honesty, I think they're much better off going on to a junior college, playing and having the opportunity to adjust. I couldn't see myself sitting out a year and not practicing and playing."

"But you know a lot of schools can be selfish. By putting him in a JC, it's open season again for everybody."

"The thing I hope you'd consider is the kid and try to do what's best for him. I feel very strongly about junior colleges and what role they can play. There are some excellent programs out there. If we have a kid that doesn't make it academically, there are certain schools that I would say: 'Hey! That's going to be a wonderful opportunity for you.'"

The repercussions of Bylaw 5-1-(j), however, have not yet been fully felt.

"When a Division I coach goes out recruiting next year, not only does he have to tell a kid what people he has returning, but he also has to let the kid know who he's got stockpiled out," said Bob Burke, coach at Chowan (N.C.) College. "I think that's a factor that may catch up to some of these Division I (coaches) a year down the road."

"What I'm trying to explain to kids (is that) if you take the scholarship and you only have three years to play, what's to say that the Division I school is not going to recruit over you? And what's to say that you're going to make that big of an impact your first year on the floor? There are only so many Michael Jordans who come in and become stars as freshmen."

"Why not go the JC route and actually get 75 to 80 games in your first two years, get your degree, and be really, truly want-



Former Southern Idaho star Chris Blocker will be displaying his talents this season for Texas-El Paso.

ed, where there's no question whether you can play or not?"

Junior colleges may yet benefit from Bylaw 5-1-(j).

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On the junior college front this season: Keep an eye on the San Jacinto Ravens. Said Coach Arrow: "We've got probably the best nucleus that we've had coming back."

This from a man who has already ac-

quired an unprecedented three national titles in the last four years.

Returning is one of the best guard tandems in the country at any level—Michael Porter and Boo Harvey. Also returning is 6-8 starting center John Hudson and sixth man Raymond Foster. Arrow also picked up several Division I recruits who failed to meet Bylaw 5-1-(j) requirements—Ray Richardson (Auburn), Greg Bent (Detroit), Moses Scurry (St. John's) and 6-8 David Butler, who was ranked in the top 15 of many scouting reports. Add Houston's Eddie Cumbo and Lenzie Howell for outside shooting strength, and the Ravens look like a sure bet to hog the limelight again next March in Hutchinson, where the NJCAA Tournament will celebrate its 40th anniversary.

The player to watch is Southern Idaho's Joe Johnson, younger brother of Boston Celtics guard Dennis Johnson. With leaping that already has become legendary—he set a new NJCAA national meet record in the high jump at 7-3 $\frac{3}{8}$ in a 35-mph windstorm last spring in Odessa, Tex.—the sophomore expects to be heavily recruited by Division I coaches.

Also expect Kirk's Allegany Trojans to extend their record 104-game home winning streak.

And in Binghamton, N.Y., the countdown already has started for Coach Dick Baldwin's assault on Adolph Rupp's record of 875 career collegiate victories. In 39 years at Broome Community College, Baldwin has amassed 855 victories. All he needs to do is duplicate last year's 21-8 mark and the record is his. ■

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Top Junior College Performers Transfers

Compiled by Rick Ball

| Rank | Name | Ht. | College | J.C. State |
|------|--------------------|------|----------------------|------------|
| 1 | Ledell Eackles | 6-5 | New Orleans | Texas |
| 2 | Harvey Grant | 6-9 | Oklahoma | Kansas |
| 3 | Chris Blocker | 6-5 | Texas-El Paso | Idaho |
| 4 | Gerald Paddio | 6-7 | Nevada-Las Vegas | Oklahoma |
| 5 | Mich Richmond | 6-5 | Kansas State | Missouri |
| 6 | Ricky Grace | 6-1 | Oklahoma | Texas |
| 7 | Dean Garrett | 6-9 | Indiana | California |
| 8 | Ed Wright | 6-5 | Michigan State | Texas |
| 9 | Keith Smart | 6-2 | Indiana | Kansas |
| 10 | Jerry Scofield | 6-9 | Weber State | Idaho |
| 11 | Sean Alvarado | 6-10 | Kansas | Kansas |
| 12 | Ed Loudon | 6-5 | Arkansas State | Indiana |
| 13 | Frank Woods | 6-5 | Cal-Irvine | Kansas |
| 14 | Bruce Kimbles | 6-3 | Middle Tennessee | Texas |
| 15 | Dwayne Lewis | 6-5 | Marshall | Louisiana |
| 16 | Todd Christian | 6-6 | Oklahoma State | Kansas |
| 17 | Mike McCreaven | 6-2 | Kansas State | Illinois |
| 18 | Sylvester Kincheon | 6-10 | Oklahoma State | Oklahoma |
| 19 | Tyrone Shaw | 6-7 | West Virginia | Texas |
| 20 | Tom Tolbert | 6-8 | Arizona | California |
| 21 | James Dawn | 6-5 | Arkansas-Little Rock | Texas |
| 22 | Bob Worthington | 6-7 | Michigan State | Kansas |
| 23 | Tim Scott | 6-3 | Arkansas | Texas |
| 24 | Shawn Freeman | 6-5 | Oregon State | Maryland |
| 25 | Jon Trezvant* | 6-8 | Texas A&M | California |
| 26 | Michael Ingram† | 6-8 | Missouri | Missouri |
| 27 | Ben Gillery | 7-0 | Georgetown | Kansas |
| 28 | Jeri Bruwn† | 5-10 | Arkansas-Little Rock | Kansas |
| 29 | Charles Bledsoe | 6-7 | Kansas State | Missouri |
| 30 | Ken Drummond | 5-11 | N.C. State | California |

*Trezvant was an academic redshirt last season.

†Ingram and Brown are sophomores with three years to play.

§Kimble will be an academic redshirt.

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These 30 junior college players, who will be sophomores in the 1986-87 season, will be heavily recruited by four-year colleges

| Rank | Name | Ht. | Junior College |
|------|------------------|------|-----------------------|
| 1 | Greg Harvey | 6-0 | San Jacinto, Tex. |
| 2 | Rudy Archer | 6-0 | Allegany, Md. |
| 3 | Richard Hollis | 6-5 | New Mexico J.C. |
| 4 | John Jerome | 6-7 | Mesa, Ariz. |
| 5 | Michael Porter | 6-0 | San Jacinto, Tex. |
| 6 | Kelvin Tyes | 6-9 | L.A. Harbor, Calif. |
| 7 | Johnny Steptoe | 6-6 | Copiah-Lincoln, Miss. |
| 8 | Joey Johnson | 6-3 | Southern Idaho |
| 9 | Kevin Ardister | 6-5 | Pensacola, Fla. |
| 10 | Carlos Diggins | 6-4 | Butler County, Kan. |
| 11 | Marvin Branch | 6-11 | Barton County, Kan. |
| 12 | Darryl Thomas | 6-2 | DeKalb, Ga. |
| 13 | Rene Glover | 5-11 | Allen County, Kan. |
| 14 | John Clark | 6-4 | Pasadena City, Calif. |
| 15 | Fred Williams | 6-7 | Angelina, Tex. |
| 16 | Jeff Huffman | 6-5 | Vincennes, Ind. |
| 17 | John Hudson | 6-8 | San Jacinto, Tex. |
| 18 | Daron Blaylock | 6-1 | Midland, Tex. |
| 19 | Vance Halt | 6-8 | Seminole, Fla. |
| 20 | Lewis Newsome | 6-6 | Northwest, Ala. |
| 21 | Andre Wiley | 6-7 | Compton, Calif. |
| 22 | Bryan Tucker | 6-10 | Pratt, Kan. |
| 23 | Keenan Carpenter | 6-2 | Anderson, S.C. |
| 24 | Ron Thompkins | 6-8 | Kellogg, Mich. |
| 25 | John Hartless | 6-5 | Modesto, Calif. |
| 26 | Tyrone Jones | 6-5 | Hutchinson, Kan. |
| 27 | Eric Berger | 6-1 | Moberly, Mo. |
| 28 | Will Boldt | 6-8 | Seminole, Okla. |
| 29 | Lorenzo Nash | 6-0 | Vincennes, Ind. |
| 30 | Joe Young | 6-7 | Dodge City, Kan. |

Division I College Transfers List

An alphabetical listing of players who will be eligible to play this season after sitting out a year because they transferred from one Division I school to another:

| Player | Former School | Current School | Player | Former School | Current School |
|---------------------|------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| Mike Ahlers | Washington State | Montana | Efrem Jackson | Georgia | Georgia State |
| Al Atties Jr. | San Diego State | San Francisco | Gerald Jackson | Minnesota | George Washington |
| Shawn Baker | Oklahoma State | Arkansas | John Jimmerson | Marquette | South Alabama |
| Tim Backston | Bradley | Loyola of Chicago | Marty Johnson | Richmond | Towson State |
| Landrum Baugh | Creighton | Howard | Rhon Johnson | Northwestern Louisiana | Arkansas State |
| James Best | New Hampshire | Providence | Trent Johnson | Central Florida | Radford |
| Eric Behea | Central Florida | Texas A&M | Rob Johnstone | Navy | Drexel |
| Marcus Bolden | Texas | Southwest Texas State | Ben Jones | Massachusetts | Tennessee State |
| Delray Brooks | Indiana | Providence | Stan Kimbrough | Central Florida | Xavier |
| John Brown | Alabama | Southern Mississippi | Wally Lancaster | Maryland | Virginia Tech |
| Michael Brown | Syracuse | Clemson | Derrick Lewis | South Carolina | Northeastern |
| Mike Brown | Rutgers | Canisius | Junie Lewis | Pittsburgh | South Alabama |
| Brian Brunson | Western Carolina | Winthrop (S.C.) | Myron Lilley | Texas | Northeast Louisiana |
| Matt Brust | North Carolina | St. John's | Alvin Loll | St. Bonaventure | Iona |
| Fred Burton | Texas A&M | Long Island | Vaughn Lutan | Youngstown State | Robert Morris |
| Dion Campbell | Oklahoma State | Indiana State | Alvin Martin | Tennessee State | Delaware State |
| Jerome Childs | Bradley | Chicago State | Terry Martin | Florida State | Southeastern Louisiana |
| Jimmy Christian | Boston University | Rhode Island | Richard McCormick | Marquette | St. Bonaventure |
| Eric Coleman | South Alabama | New Orleans | Carlton McKinney | Tulsa | Southern Methodist |
| Kelvin Collins | Texas | Northeast Louisiana | Wesley Milam | Tennessee State | Delaware State |
| Laurent Crawford | Cincinnati | Chicago State | Everett Moncur | South Alabama | Alabama State |
| Dan Curry | San Jose State | St. Mary's (Calif.) | Rigo Moore | Washington State | Long Beach State |
| Damon (D.J.) Davies | Drake | Western Illinois | Salfe Murgan | St. Francis (N.Y.) | Long Island |
| Aundrae Davis | West Virginia | Auburn | Chris Nikchevich | Brigham Young | Loyola Marymount |
| Veltra Dawson | Villanova | Evansville | Hartmut Ortmann | Wake Forest | California |
| Kennedy Dixon | Augusta (Ga.) | Georgia Southern | James O'Shaughnessy | Drake | Michigan State |
| Greg Dodd | Utah | Boise State | George Papadakis | Syracuse | Fordham |
| David Dominique | Tulane | Southern (La.) | Greg Pedro | Michigan State | Southern Mississippi |
| Jim Douglas | Xavier | Loyola Marymount | Randy Pettus | DePaul | Virginia Tech |
| Todd Drain | Northeastern | Wagner | Russell Pierre | North Carolina State | Robert Morris (Pa.) |
| Chris Edwards | Fordham | Canisius | Darrin Poindexter | Delaware | Long Beach State |
| Craig Eversoll | Virginia Tech | Murray State | Tony Ronzone | Nevada-Reno | Tennessee State |
| Gregg Falcon | Southeastern Louisiana | Southwestern Louisiana | Judon Roper | Alabama State | UNC Asheville |
| Marco Fleming | Wyoming | Long Beach State | Gerald Rutherford | Appalachian State | Texas-El Paso |
| Kevin Floyd | Georgetown | UC-Irvine | Chris Sandle | Arizona State | UC-Santa Barbara |
| Wilbert Frazier | San Diego State | Hartford | Brian Shaw | St. Mary's (Calif.) | Western Kentucky |
| Mike Gioni | Indiana | North Carolina State | Roland Shelton | Clemson | Portland |
| Pat Giusti | Oregon State | San Francisco | Adam Simmons | Southern Mississippi | Evansville |
| Harlan Graham | Clemson | Georgia State | Marty Simmons | Indiana | St. Joseph's |
| Daryl Gresham | Florida | Georgia State | Henry Smith | Ohio University | Southern Mississippi |
| Karlus Gripado | Creighton | Tulsa | Jimmy Smith | Alabama | Northwestern State (La.) |
| Darrin Guest | Auburn | Chicago State | Johnny Smith | Georgia | Howard |
| Scott Haffner | Illinois | Evansville | Howard Spencer | Auburn | Xavier |
| John Hall | Clemson | Alabama State | Kyle Taylor | Marshall | Virginia Commonwealth |
| Arnold Hamilton | South Alabama | Samford | John Thompson | North Carolina State | St. Joseph's |
| Steve Haney | Loyola Marymount | San Jose State | Tarone Thornlon | South Carolina | Murray State |
| Mike Haupt | San Diego State | San Diego | Wayne Tiller | Tennessee | New Orleans |
| Tony Hemphill | Stetson | Eastern Illinois | Chris Trunk | Fordham | Delaware |
| Keith Hill | Michigan State | New Mexico State | Tony Tucker | Rhode Island | New Orleans |
| Clinton Hinton | UNC Charlotte | Oral Roberts | Damon Vance | Louisiana State | Robert Morris (Pa.) |
| Jerry Holmes | Texas | Appalachian State | Steve Vandiver | Texas A&M | Nevada-Reno |
| Tito Horford | Louisiana State | Miami (Fla.) | Doug Wall | Stanford | UC-Irvine |
| Melvin Howard | Georgia | Georgia State | Mark Warren | Boise State | Long Island |
| John Hughes | Grambling State | Texas-Arlington | Jerome Washington | St. Francis (N.Y.) | Hawaii |
| | | | Jamie Weaver | Houston | East Tennessee State |
| | | | Lavelle Webster | Portland | Manhattan |
| | | | Billy Wheeler | UNC Charlotte | La Salle |
| | | | Marvin Woods | DePaul | |

Top 40 Freshman Recruits

By Bob Gibbons, All Star Sports Publications

| Rank | Name | Ht. | Hometown | College | Rank | Name | Ht. | Hometown | College |
|------|-------------------|------|------------------------|-----------------|------|-----------------|------|------------------------|----------------|
| 1. | J.R. Reid | 6-10 | Virginia Beach, Va. | North Carolina | 21. | Frantz Volcy | 6-9 | West Orange, N.J. | Seton Hall |
| 2. | Derrick Coleman | 6-10 | Detroit | Syracuse | 22. | Sam Jefferson | 6-9 | Washington, D.C. | Georgetown |
| 3. | Scott Williams | 6-10 | Hacienda Hgts., Calif. | North Carolina | 23. | Elander Lewis | 6-4 | Albany, N.Y. | St. John's |
| 4. | Rex Chapman | 6-4 | Owensboro, Ky. | Kentucky | 24. | Felton Spencer | 7-0 | Louisville, Ky. | Louisville |
| 5. | Dwayne Bryant | 6-3 | New Orleans | Georgetown | 25. | Brian Howard | 6-7 | Winston-Salem, N.C. | N.C. State |
| 6. | Brian Oliver | 6-4 | Smyrna, Ga. | Georgia Tech | 26. | Rodney Taylor | 6-7 | Columbia, S.C. | Villanova |
| 7. | Mark Randall | 6-8 | Englewood, Colo. | Kansas | 27. | Peter Chilcutt | 6-9 | Tuscaloosa, Ala. | North Carolina |
| 8. | Steve Thompson | 6-3 | Los Angeles | Syracuse | 28. | Kevin Pritchard | 6-3 | Tulsa | Kansas |
| 9. | Larry Rember | 6-8 | Orrville, Ala. | Ala.-Birmingham | 29. | Fess Irvin | 5-11 | Gonzales, La. | LSU |
| 10. | Ron Huey | 6-8 | Memphis | Arkansas | 30. | Mark Tillmon | 6-1 | Washington, D.C. | Georgetown |
| 11. | Chris Munk | 6-8 | San Francisco | Southern Cal | 31. | Tom Greis | 7-2 | Huntington, N.Y. | Villanova |
| 12. | Dwayne Schunzlius | 7-1 | Brandon, Fla. | Florida | 32. | Siege Hood | 6-6 | Hyattsville, Md. | Maryland |
| 13. | Sylvester Gray | 6-4 | Arlington, Tenn. | Memphis State | 33. | Greg Foster | 6-10 | Oakland | UCLA |
| 14. | Eldon Campbell | 6-10 | Inglewood, Calif. | Clemson | 34. | Larry Marks | 6-7 | Columbia, Tenn. | Arkansas |
| 15. | Alaa Abdelnaby | 6-10 | Bloomfield, N.J. | Duke | 35. | Larry Smith | 6-3 | Alton, Ill. | Illinois |
| 16. | Nathan Buntin | 6-8 | Detroit | Missouri | 36. | Marcus Broadnax | 6-2 | Fl. Walton Beach, Fla. | St. John's |
| 17. | Lionel Simmons | 6-6 | Philadelphia | La Salle | 37. | Robert Brickey | 6-5 | Fayetteville, N.C. | Duke |
| 18. | Willie Burton | 6-8 | Detroit | Minnesota | 38. | Derrick Miller | 6-5 | Savannah, Ga. | Kentucky |
| 19. | Bryant Walton | 6-4 | Santa Ana, Calif. | California | 39. | Joe Griffin | 6-1 | Summit, Ill. | Wichita State |
| 20. | Scott Paddock | 6-9 | Plantation, Fla. | Notre Dame | 40. | Tony Jones | 6-3 | Fl. Wayne, Ind. | Purdue |

Following is an alphabetical listing of prize prospects who aren't eligible this season because they failed to meet the academic requirements of NCAA Bylaw 5-1 (j): Nick Anderson (Illinois), Stacy Augmon (Nevada-Las Vegas), Louis Banks (Cincinnati), Chris Brooks (West Virginia), Quinton Burton (Providence), Robert Coyne (Kansas), Randy Doss (Ohio State), Earl Duncan (Syracuse), Cheyenne Gibson (Memphis State), Russell Green

(Texas), Reggie Hanson (Kentucky), Chris Henderson (DePaul), Karl James (Nevada-Las Vegas), Tharon Mayes (Florida State), Ken Miller (Loyola of Chicago), Terry Mills (Michigan), Anthony Pendleton (Southern Cal), Keith Robinson (Notre Dame), Leverus Robinson (Cincinnati), Rumeal Robinson (Michigan), Moses Scurry (St. John's), Pendleton originally signed with Iowa before being released from his letter-of-intent.

1987 NCAA Tourney Format

(64-team bracket will be announced by Division I Committee on March 8 in Kansas City)

First and Second Rounds

EAST: Charlotte Coliseum, Charlotte, N.C.—March 12 and 14. Carrier Dome, Syracuse, N.Y.—March 13 and 15.

SOUTHEAST: Birmingham-Jefferson Civic Center, Birmingham, Ala.—March 12 and 14. The Omni, Atlanta—March 13 and 15.

MIDWEST: Hoosierdome, Indianapolis—March 12 and 14. The Horizon, Rosemont, Ill.—March 13 and 15.

WEST: Special Events Center, Salt Lake City—March 12 and 14. McKale Center, Tucson—March 13 and 15.

Regionals

EAST: Meadowlands, East Rutherford, N.J.—March 19 and 21.

SOUTHEAST: Freedom Hall, Louisville, Ky.—March 19 and 21.

MIDWEST: Riverfront Coliseum, Cincinnati—March 20 and 22.

WEST: Kingdome, Seattle—March 20 and 22.

1987 Final Four

Louisiana Superdome, New Orleans—March 28 and 30.

The East Regional winner will oppose the Southeast champion and the Midwest Regional winner will oppose the West champion in the national semifinals.

Future Final Four Sites

1988—Kemper Arena, Kansas City—April 2 and 4.

1989—Kingdome, Seattle—April 1 and 3.

1990—McNichols Sports Arena, Denver—March 31 and April 1.

1991—Hoosierdome, Indianapolis—March 31 and April 1.

1992—Metrodome, Minneapolis—April 4 and 6.

Conference Championship Tournaments

| Dates | League (Number of teams in tourney) | Site of Finals |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------|
| March 6-7-8 | ATLANTIC COAST (8) | Landover, Md. |
| Feb. 27-Mar. 1-3-5 | ATLANTIC 10 (8) | To be determined* |
| March 5-6-7-8 | BIG EAST (9) | New York |
| March 6-7-8 | BIG FIGHT (8) | Kansas City, Mo. |
| March 5-6-7 | BIG SKY (8) | Flagstaff, Ariz. |
| Feb. 26-27-28 | BIG SOUTH (8) | Savannah, Ga. |
| Feb. 28-Mar. 1-2 | COLONIAL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (8) | Hampton, Va. |
| March 6-7-8 | EAST COAST (9) | Towson, Md. |
| March 3-5-7 | ECAC MFTRO (6) | To be determined* |
| March 3-5-7 | ECAC NORTH ATLANTIC (8) | To be determined |
| March 6-7-8 | METRO (7) | Columbia, S.C. |
| Feb. 28-Mar. 1-2 | METRO ATLANTIC ATHLETIC (8) | Meadowlands |
| March 3-5-7 | MID-AMERICAN (7) | Toledo |
| March 5-6-7 | MID-CONTINENT (8) | Springfield, Mo. |
| March 6-7-8 | MID-EASTERN ATHLETIC (8) | Greensboro, N.C. |
| Feb. 26-27-Mar. 1 | MIDWESTERN COLLEGIATE (7) | Indianapolis |
| Feb. 28-Mar. 3-4 | MISSOURI VALLEY (7) | To be determined |
| March 2-6-7 | OHIO VALLEY (7) | Reg. season tilth* |
| March 5-6-7 | PACIFIC COAST ATHLETIC ASSN. (8) | Inglewood, Calif. |
| March 5-6-7-8 | PACIFIC-10 | Los Angeles |
| March 5-6-7-8 | SOI THEASTERN (10) | Atlanta |
| Feb. 27-28-Mar. 1 | SOUTHERN (8) | Asheville, N.C. |
| March 3-5-7 | SOL FLAND (8) | Reg. season tilth* |
| March 6-7-8 | SOUTHWEST (8) | Dallas |
| March 5-6-7 | SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC (8) | Jackson, Miss. |
| Feb. 28-27-28 | SUN BELT (8) | Dowling Green, Ky. |
| March 5-6-7 | TRANS AMERICA ATHLETIC (8) | Little Rock, Ark. |
| March 3-5-6-7 | WESTERN ATHLETIC (8) | Albuquerque |
| Feb. 28-Mar. 6-7 | WEST COAST ATHLETIC (8) | San Francisco* |

*First-round games will be played at campus sites.

†First-round games will be played at Pine Bluff, Ark.

NOTES: Two Division I conferences—the Big Ten and the Ivy League—will not conduct postseason tournaments this year. Receiving first round byes in the various tourney formats will be the regular-season champions in the Metro, Mid-American, Midwestern Collegiate, Missouri Valley and Ohio Valley; top two finishers in the Mid-Eastern Athletic and Southland; top six seeded teams in the Pac-10 and Southeastern; and the top seven seeded teams in the Atlantic 10, Big East, Last Coast and Western Athletic. Eight conferences have tourney formats that don't include all of their members. The teams that will be dropped are: ECAC Metro (7th through 9th), ECAC North Atlantic (9th and 10th), Mid-American (8th through 10th), Ohio Valley (8th), PCAA (9th and 10th), Southern (9th), Southwest (9th) and Trans America (9th and 10th). Bradley of the Missouri Valley and Duquesne of the Atlantic 10 are ineligible for postseason action this year because of NCAA violations. . . . After first round of PCAA tourney, the highest remaining seeds will oppose the lowest seeds.

NCAA Tournament Results

| Year | Champion (Coach) | Score | Runner-up | Third Place | Fourth Place | Most Outstanding Player | Site of Finals |
|------|--------------------------------|--------|----------------|----------------|------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1939 | Oregon (Howard Hobson) | 46-33 | Ohio State | *Oklahoma | *Villanova | None Selected | Evansville, Ill. |
| 1940 | Indiana (Branch McCracken) | 60-42 | Kansas | *Duquesne | *Southern Cal | Martin Hoffman, Indiana | Kansas City |
| 1941 | Wisconsin (Harold Foster) | 39-34 | Washington St. | *Pittsburgh | *Arkansas | John Kutz, Wisconsin | Kansas City |
| 1942 | Stanford (Everett Dean) | 53-38 | Dartmouth | *Colorado | *Kentucky | Howard Dabbs, Stanford | Kansas City |
| 1943 | Wyoming (Everett Shelton) | 46-33 | Georgetown | *Texas | *DePaul | Ken Sagers, Wyoming | New York City |
| 1944 | Utah (Vada Peterson) | 42-40† | Dartmouth | *Iowa State | *Ohio State | Arno d'Ferrin, Utah | New York City |
| 1945 | Oklahoma State (Henry Iba) | 49-45 | New York U. | *Arkansas | *Ohio State | Bob Kurland, Oklahoma St. | New York City |
| 1946 | Oklahoma State (Henry Iba) | 43-40 | North Carolina | Ohio State | California | Bob Kurland, Oklahoma St. | New York City |
| 1947 | Holy Cross (Alvin Julian) | 58-47 | Oklahoma | Holy Cross | CCNY | George Kalkan, Holy Cross | New York City |
| 1948 | Kentucky (Adolph Rupp) | 58-42 | Baylor | Illinois | Kansas State | Alex Groza, Kentucky | New York City |
| 1949 | Kentucky (Adolph Rupp) | 46-36 | Oklahoma St. | Illinois | Oregon State | Alex Groza, Kentucky | Seattle |
| 1950 | CCNY (Nat Holman) | 71-68 | Bradley | N.C. State | Baylor | Irwin Dambrot, CCNY | New York City |
| 1951 | Kentucky (Adolph Rupp) | 68-58 | Kansas State | Illinois | Oklahoma State | None Selected | Minneapolis |
| 1952 | Kansas (Phog Allen) | 80-63 | St. John's | Illinois | Santa Clara | Clyde Love, Kansas | Seattle |
| 1953 | Indiana (Branch McCracken) | 69-68 | Kansas | Washington | Louisiana State | B.H. Born, Kansas | Kansas City |
| 1954 | La Salle (Kenneth Loeffler) | 92-78 | Bradley | Penn State | Southern Cal | Tom Gola, La Salle | Kansas City |
| 1955 | San Francisco (Phil Woolpert) | 77-63 | La Salle | Colorado | Iowa | Bill Russell, San Francisco | Kansas City |
| 1956 | San Francisco (Phil Woolpert) | 83-71 | Iowa | Temple | SMU | Hal Lear, Temple | Evansville, Ill. |
| 1957 | North Carolina (Frank McGuire) | 54-53‡ | Kansas | San Francisco | Michigan State | Wilt Chamberlain, Kansas | Kansas City |
| 1958 | Kentucky (Adolph Rupp) | 84-72 | Seattle | Temple | Baylor | Egbin Baylor, Seattle | Louisville, Ky. |
| 1959 | California (Pete Newell) | 71-70 | West Virginia | Cincinnati | Louisville | Jerry West, West Virginia | Louisville, Ky. |
| 1960 | Ohio State (Fred Taylor) | 75-55 | California | Cincinnati | New York U. | Jerry Lucas, Ohio State | San Francisco |
| 1961 | Cincinnati (Ed Jucker) | 70-65† | Ohio State | St. Joseph's§ | Utah | Jerry Lucas, Ohio State | Kansas City |
| 1962 | Cincinnati (Ed Jucker) | 71-59 | Ohio State | Wake Forest | UCLA | Paul Hogue, Cincinnati | Louisville, Ky. |
| 1963 | Loyola, Ill. (George Ireland) | 60-58† | Duke | Duke | Oregon State | Art Heyman, Duke | Louisville, Ky. |
| 1964 | JCLA (John Wooden) | 95-83 | Duke | Michigan | Kansas State | Wm. Hazzard, UCLA | Kansas City |
| 1965 | UCLA (John Wooden) | 91-80 | Michigan | Princeton | Wichita State | Bill Bradley, Princeton | Portland, Ore. |
| 1966 | Texas-El Paso (Don Haskins) | 77-65 | Kentucky | Duke | Utah | Jerry Chambers, Utah | College Park, Md. |
| 1967 | UCLA (John Wooden) | 79-64 | Dayton | Houston | North Carolina | Lew Alcindor, UCLA | Louisville, Ky. |
| 1968 | UCLA (John Wooden) | 78-55 | North Carolina | Ohio State | Houston | Lew Alcindor, UCLA | Los Angeles |
| 1969 | UCLA (John Wooden) | 92-72 | Purdue | Drake | North Carolina | Lew Alcindor, UCLA | Louisville, Ky. |
| 1970 | UCLA (John Wooden) | 80-69 | Jacksonville | New Mexico St. | St. Bonaventure | Sidney Wicks, UCLA | College Park, Md. |
| 1971 | UCLA (John Wooden) | 68-62 | Villanova§ | Western Ky. § | Kansas | Howard Porter, Villanova | Houston |
| 1972 | UCLA (John Wooden) | 81-76 | Florida State | North Carolina | Louisville | Bill Walton, UCLA | Los Angeles |
| 1973 | UCLA (John Wooden) | 87-66 | Memphis State | Indiana | Providence | Bill Walton, UCLA | St. Louis |
| 1974 | N.C. State (Norm Sloan) | 76-64 | Marquette | UCLA | Kansas | David Thompson, N.C. State | Greensboro, N.C. |
| 1975 | UCLA (John Wooden) | 92-85 | Kentucky | Louisville | Syracuse | Richard Washington, UCLA | San Diego |
| 1976 | Indiana (Bob Knight) | 86-68 | Michigan | UCLA | Rutgers | Ken Benson, Indiana | Philadelphia |
| 1977 | Marquette (Al McGuire) | 67-59 | North Carolina | Nev.-Las Vegas | UNC Charlotte | Butch Lee, Marquette | Atlanta |
| 1978 | Kentucky (Joe Hall) | 94-88 | Duke | Arkansas | Notre Dame | Jack Givens, Kentucky | St. Louis |
| 1979 | Michigan St. (Jud Heathcote) | 75-64 | Indiana State | DePaul | Penn | Earvin Johnson, Michigan St. | Salt Lake City |
| 1980 | Louisville (Denny Crum) | 59-54 | UCLA | Purdue | Iowa | Darrell Griffith, Louisville | Indianapolis |
| 1981 | Indiana (Bob Knight) | 63-50 | North Carolina | Virginia | Louisiana State | Isiah Thomas, Indiana | Philadelphia |
| 1982 | North Carolina (Dean Smith) | 63-62 | Georgetown | *Houston | *Louisville | James Worthy, N.C. State | New Orleans |
| 1983 | N.C. State (Jim Valvano) | 54-52 | Houston | *Louisville | *Georgia | Akeem Olajuwon, Houston | Albuquerque, N.M. |
| 1984 | Georgetown (John Thompson) | 84-75 | Houston | *Kentucky | *Virginia | Patrick Ewing, Georgetown | Seattle |
| 1985 | Villanova (Rollie Massimino) | 68-64 | Georgetown | *St. John's | *Memphis State | Ed Pinckney, Villanova | Lexington, Ky. |
| 1986 | Louisville (Denny Crum) | 72-69 | Duke | *Kansas | *Louisiana State | Pervis Ellison, Louisville | Dallas |

*Tied for third position because there was no consolation game.

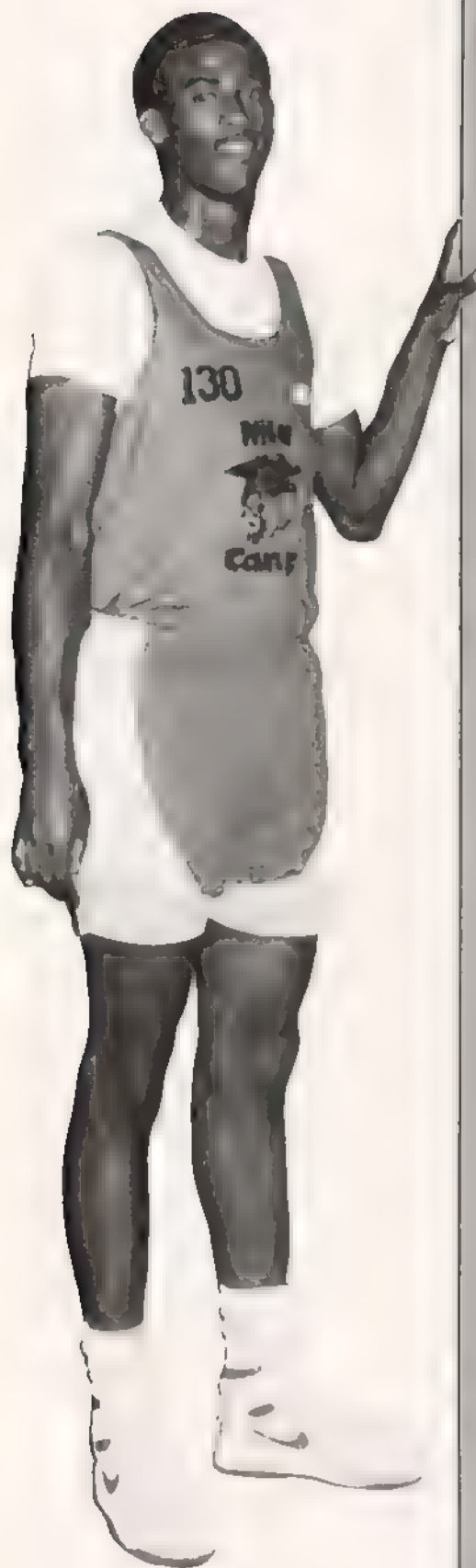
§Vacated position because players were declared ineligible after the tournament.

†Overtime

‡Three overtimes

Preseason Top 75 High School Seniors

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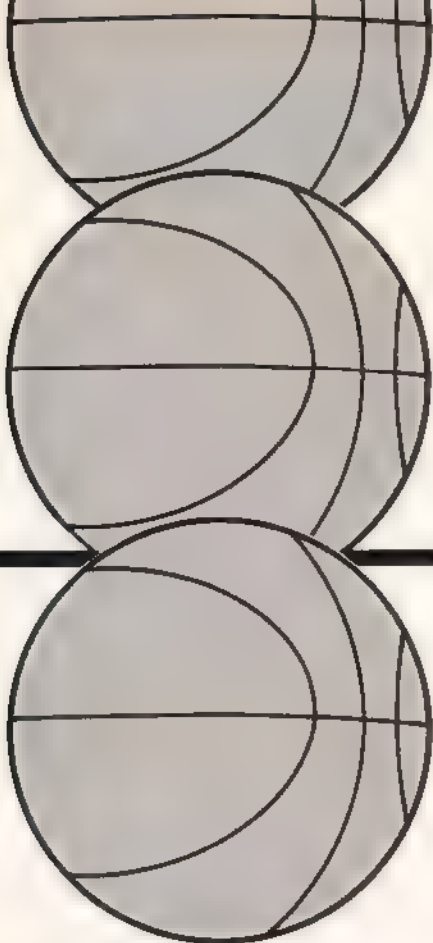


**High School Star
Marcus Liberty**

| RK | NAME | POS. | HT. | HOMETOWN |
|----|--------------------|-------|------|--------------------------|
| 1 | Marcus Liberty | SF | 6-8 | Chicago |
| 2 | Dennis Scott | SF | 6-7 | Oakton, Va. |
| 3 | Eric Manuel | 2G | 6-6 | Macon, Ga. |
| 4 | Brian Shorter | PF | 6-7 | Mouth of Wilson, Va. |
| 5 | Larry Johnson | PF | 6-7 | Dallas |
| 6 | Sean Higgins | SF | 6-8 | Los Angeles |
| 7 | LaBradford Smith | 2G | 6-3 | Bay City, Tex. |
| 8 | Bobby Martin | PF | 6-8 | Atlantic City, N.J. |
| 9 | Treg Lee | P SF | 6-8 | Cleveland |
| 10 | Rick Fox | SF | 6-6 | Warsaw, Ind. |
| 11 | Jay Edwards | 2G | 6-4 | Marion, Ind. |
| 12 | Perry Carter | PF | 6-7 | Pittsfield, Me. |
| 13 | Jerome Harmon | 2G | 6-4 | Gary, Ind. |
| 14 | David Harris | PF | 6-8 | Memphis, Tenn. |
| 15 | LeRon Ellis | C/F | 6-10 | Santa Ana, Calif. |
| 16 | Rodney Monroe | 1, 2G | 6-2 | Hagerstown, Md. |
| 17 | Anthony Tucker | PF | 6-8 | Washington, D.C. |
| 18 | Brian Williams | C | 6-10 | Santa Monica, Calif. |
| 19 | Bill Heppner | C | 6-8½ | Crystal Lake, Ill. |
| 20 | Elliot Perry | PG | 5-11 | Memphis, Tenn. |
| 21 | David Whitmore | 2G | 6-1 | Playa del Rey, Calif. |
| 22 | Greg Koube | SF | 6-6 | Clifton Park, N.Y. |
| 23 | Mark Macon | 2G | 6-4 | Saginaw, Mich. |
| 24 | John Crotty | PG | 6-1 | Lincroft, N.J. |
| 25 | King Rice | PG | 6-0 | Binghamton, N.Y. |
| 26 | Anthony Avent | PF | 6-8 | Newark, N.J. |
| 27 | David White | PF | 6-6 | St. Petersburg, Fla. |
| 28 | Doug Smith | C | 6-9 | Detroit |
| 29 | Livingston Chatman | PF | 6-7 | Lakeland, Fla. |
| 30 | Elh Brewster | PG | 6-3 | Columbus, Ohio |
| 31 | Richard Damas | P/SF | 6-7 | Tulsa, Okla. |
| 32 | Matt Muehlbach | PG | 6-3 | Oakton, Calif. |
| 33 | Sean Green | PF | 6-6½ | Mouth of Wilson, Va. |
| 34 | Bennett Jackson | PF | 6-7 | Bienheim, S.C. |
| 35 | Byron Tucker | SF | 6-8 | Oxon Hill, Md. |
| 36 | Mike Polite | P/SF | 6-7 | Daytona Beach, Fla. |
| 37 | Barry Young | SF | 6-7 | Ellicott City, Md. |
| 38 | Lyndon Jones | PG | 6-2 | Marion, Ind. |
| 39 | Mike Masucci | C | 6-10 | Kansas City, Mo. |
| 40 | John Pittman | C | 6-11 | Rosenburg, Tex. |
| 41 | Gerald Madkins | PG | 6-3 | Merced, Calif. |
| 42 | Chris Watts | 2G | 6-3 | Trumbull, Conn. |
| 43 | Aubrey Boyd | 1/2G | 6-5 | Macon, Ga. |
| 44 | Brian Garner | PG | 6-2 | Milwaukee, Wis. |
| 45 | Johnny Woodson | G/F | 6-5 | Detroit |
| 46 | William Tomlin | PG | 5-11 | Bridgeport, Conn. |
| 47 | Michael Macdox | P/SF | 6-8 | Oklahoma City, Okla. |
| 48 | Damon Patterson | SF | 6-7 | Kalamazoo, Mich. |
| 49 | Tim Singleton | PG | 6-1 | New Orleans |
| 50 | Doug Overton | PG | 6-2 | Philadelphia |
| 51 | Kevin Howard | 1/2G | 6-3 | Atlanta |
| 52 | Curtis Cuthbert | F/C | 6-9 | Flint, Mich. |
| 53 | Steve Gallaway | 1/2G | 6-3 | Jackson, Miss. |
| 54 | Barry Manning | 2G | 6-3 | Columbia, S.C. |
| 55 | Rodell Davis | 2G | 6-3 | Harvey, Ill. |
| 56 | Clay Buckley | C | 6-10 | Berwyn, Pa. |
| 57 | Jonathan Davis | PF | 6-8 | Pensacola, Fla. |
| 58 | Jesse Hall | 2G | 6-3 | Venice, Ill. |
| 59 | Dorian Biedsoe | 1/2G | 6-1 | Cincinnati |
| 60 | Ken Turner | PF | 6-6 | Indianapolis |
| 61 | Collin Parker | SF | 6-5 | Toledo, Ohio |
| 62 | Carl Weidon | PG | 6-2 | Washington, D.C. |
| 63 | Sean Rooks | C | 6-10 | Fontana, Calif. |
| 64 | Delino Deshields | PG | 6-0 | Seaford, Del. |
| 65 | Chris Corchiani | PG | 6-0 | Hialeah, Fla. |
| 66 | Mark Georgeson | C | 6-10 | Huntington Beach, Calif. |
| 67 | Chris Seter | PF | 6-8 | Brookfield, Wis. |
| 68 | Cedric Lewis | C | 6-9 | Washington, D.C. |
| 69 | Michael Harden | PG | 6-0 | Baton Rouge, La. |
| 70 | Sean Miller | PG | 6-0 | Beaver Falls, Pa. |
| 71 | Mike Glover | SF | 6-5 | Columbia, S.C. |
| 72 | Lyman DePriest | SF | 6-5 | Highland Park, Mich. |
| 73 | Glenon Sitney | SF | 6-5 | Beltsville, Md. |
| 74 | Lance Kroll | C | 6-9 | Tulsa, Okla. |
| 75 | Gerald Posey | PG | 6-1 | Trenton, N.J. |

Key for abbreviations: SF—Small Forward, PF—Power Forward, PG—Point Guard, 2G—Second Guard or Off Guard, C—Center

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THE 3-POINT FIELD GOAL

By RICK BOZICH

Get ready, Steve Alford. Loosen up the right arm, Reggie Miller. Take aim, Doug Altenberger. And hey, anybody else who considers himself a long-range shooter, take note of this:

All field goals from 19 feet, 9 inches or more will be worth three points during the 1986-87 college basketball season.

Say what?

That's right. Somebody get Troy Lewis, Tim McCalister and Harold Jensen on the line: Those jumpers you've been drilling from the top of the key—which is exactly 19 feet, 9 inches from the center of the basket—will be worth three points, not two, this season.

That April 2 announcement from the NCAA Rules Committee, which met in Dallas, was more surprising, more mystifying and more significant than anything college basketball fans had seen on the Reunion Arena floor during the Final Four weekend.

If you don't think this is college basketball's most significant rule change since the center jump was outlawed, crack open the arena door and listen to the outrage. Most Division I coaches are less than enthusiastic about this relatively short three-point goal.

Said Louisville's Denny Crum: "I never knew anybody was pushing for it. I did not even know they were considering making the rule. The leagues that had experimented with it had gone away from using it. But it's there."

Georgetown's John Thompson: "I would have preferred a rule that awards three points for a layup. I think it's much more difficult working the ball in for a layup."

Notre Dame's Digger Phelps: "It would be nice, one of these years, to let the game settle down and see what we really have."

Duke's Mike Krzyzewski: "This is a revolutionary change, and I don't think it's good for the game right now."

Oklahoma's Billy Tubbs: "We've got a great game, but give us time. We'll screw it up, the way we're going."

Indiana's Bob Knight: "It seemed to me that no matter what coach I talked to I couldn't find anybody that was really in favor of the three-point shot. My own personal feeling—not just about the three-point shot, but about any rule change—is that it has to affect your team and my team essentially the same way. All teams should be affected unilaterally by a rule change, and this one doesn't."

Too bad, said the members of the rules committee.

Waving his survey of coaches, referees, administrators and members of the media, Edward Steitz, secretary-editor of the rules committee and athletic director at Springfield (Mass.) College, said 70 percent of the people he polled were in favor of the three-point shot.

"This isn't just something we're throwing into the game," Steitz said. "We've researched this thing for a long time. At least five years."

"Basically our intent is to open up the key area around the basket and force people to play more defense out on the perimeter. We've seen more and more zone defenses in recent years, and this should force people to extend some of those zones."

With the line set at 19 feet, 9 inches, this is a change that will do more than extend zone defenses. Coaches believe this change will affect scoring. It's the distance that disturbs many of them.

"Nineteen feet is a Mickey Mouse shot," St. John's Coach Lou Carnesecca said.

In the National Basketball Association, where the line is 23-9 at the top of the circle and 22 feet in the corners, the three-point goal is an act of desperation or work for such specialized gunners as Darrell Griffith, Craig Hodges and Dale Ellis. It was only a 28.1 percent shot last season, which explains why only 3.7 per-

cent of all shots attempted in the NBA last season were three-pointers.

In the colleges the line is close enough to be a weapon.

"I'm sure a lot of teams will make it a part of their offense," Crum said.

A mathematical look at the rule shows why. The numbers are not complex.

Any team that can make one-third (33.3 percent) of its three-pointers will score as many points as any team that makes half (50 percent) of its two-point attempts. Steitz said his five years of research shows that Division I teams will hit 39 percent of their shots at 19-9. Well, 39 of 100 from three-point range will be worth 117 points. Fifty percent shooting at shorter distances is only worth 100.

And count on this: The college game's great outside shooters—guys like Indiana's Alford, UCLA's Miller, Illinois' Altenberger, Purdue's Lewis, Oklahoma's McCalister, Villanova's Jensen, Jeff Lebo of North Carolina and freshman Rex Chapman of Kentucky—will make more than 39 percent of their three-point attempts.

Just ask Chapman.

Performing in the Kentucky-Indiana high school All-Star series last summer, Chapman stepped back behind the line the first three times he touched the ball.

Zip. Zip. Zip.

Nine points. Chapman hit five of seven three-pointers.

"That three-point shot is kind of silly," he said.

Jeff Hall, another long-range shooter who completed his eligibility at Louisville last spring, agreed. Playing in the Louisville Summer Developmental League, Hall sank seven of 10 three-pointers his first time on the floor.

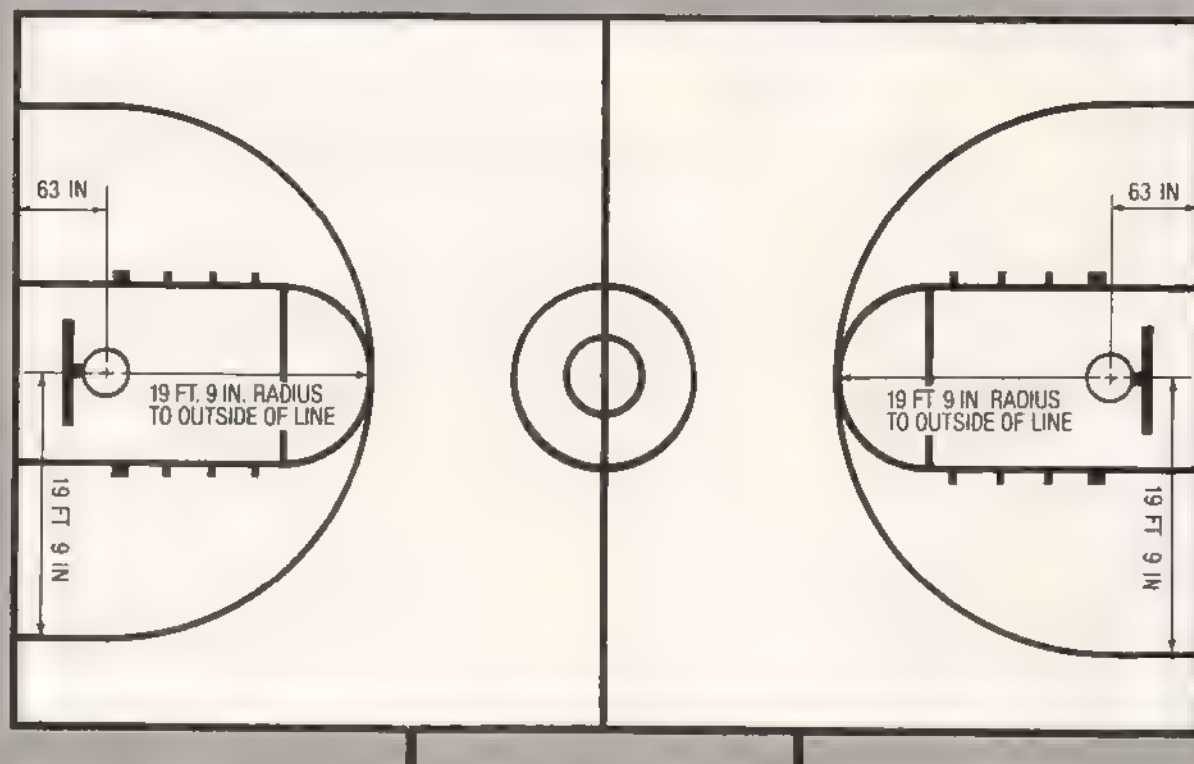
"And I wasn't even looking for the line," he said. "It's definitely too short."

So, how often can we expect to see the Alford, Millers and Altenbergers launching shots from beyond the line?

A review of the videotape of last season's Duke-Louisville NCAA championship game showed that only three field goals came from three-point distance or beyond. When Kentucky toured the Far

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THE THREE-POINT FIELD GOAL LINE



Field Goal

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East last summer, the Wildcats tried only six three-pointers in six games. Ironically, in the one game the Wildcats lost on that tour, three-point shots provided the margin of defeat (six points)

"When the Czechs beat us by hitting eight of 20 three-pointers, it really turned our heads," Coach Eddie Sutton said. "It's really going to make a big difference in the college game next season."

In 1983, the Sun Belt Conference used the rule at the 19-9 distance in all league games and some non-conference games. An average of 10.7 three-pointers were attempted per game. About 39.4 percent went in

And please note that Virginia Commonwealth, which tied for the league title, was the best-shooting three-point team in the league (48.5 percent). Also note that 0-14 Jacksonville hit only 29.1 percent, the worst figure in the conference.

"Personally," Alabama-Birmingham Coach Gene Bartow said, "I think it means there'll be fewer upsets. Let's be realistic. The good teams are naturally going to have some good shooters. Once they hit a few from out there you're going to have to go out there and guard them, which is going to make it that much easier for them to force the ball into the block."

Said Knight: "In its very simplest form, if you have a good shooter, it's a good rule, and if you don't have good shooters, it's a bad rule."

"And I just think that we added some-

thing to teams that have better players to begin with, as we did with the shot clock, and I hate to see us do that."

Coaches in the Big Sky Conference, which used the rule at 19-9 last year, noticed another bad side effect.

"We found a tendency for the players to look for the line and shoot from the wrong side of it," Weber State Coach Larry Farmer said.

Undisputably, most Division I coaches are opposed to the rule. Big East Conference coaches unanimously voted against it in a straw poll, the governing board of the National Association of Basketball Coaches publicly stated its opposition to the 19-9 distance, and only 40 percent of the coaches who responded to the rules committee's questionnaire favored it.

Taking into account all this negative reaction, what's the point?

Believe it or not, there seem to be three points (no pun intended): Create a place for the little man in the game, eliminate the muscle beach activity around the basket, and reduce the increasing reliance on zone defenses created by the 45-second shot clock.

"The rules committee believes the three-point goal will do much to open up the game," Steitz said. "It will force teams to play defense away from the basket and assist in the problem of rough, low-post play."

Gerald Myers, coach at Texas Tech and another member of the rules committee, seconded that notion.

"Since the clock favors defenses, we thought we needed something to help the offense equal out," he said. "This year we saw more zones than ever. It's going to

have a big impact and give the little man a chance to get back into the game."

The little men, of course, are happy about that.

"Anytime you add something to an individual's game that is his particular asset or strength, you've got to like it," said Alford, perhaps the best guard in the country. "And I think shooting is one of my strengths and probably my major strength. My jump shot is worth one more point now."

And there are some coaches who did not serve on the rules committee and favor the new rule.

"I'm excited about it," UNC Charlotte Coach Jeff Mullins said. "I'm looking forward to using it. It's been a good thing for the NBA, and with the proliferation of zones we're seeing in college today, I think it'll be good for us, too."

"The thing I especially like is that it continues a trend toward the international game, which as far as I'm concerned is a good trend for all of college basketball."

But most coaches are yet to be convinced that the three-point shot is a step in the right direction.

"If their intent is to clean up the inside and increase scoring, the three-point play at 19-9 is not a very bad shot," Crum said. "There are a lot of guys who are very proficient at that."

"It's going to change the game a lot. If you can shoot it 40 percent, you're ahead of the game. You never know, the coaches might love this rule."

The coach winked

"Or they might hate it, too." ■

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A Roll of the Dice

Norfolk State Gambles, Wins On Ralph Tally

By DONALD HUNT

Ever since high school, various gambles have affected the life of Ralph Tally—and not just because he used to work in a casino.

Tally's first gamble came shortly after he graduated from Atlantic City (N.J.) High School. He spent a few days at St. Peter's, a Division I school in his home state, and then decided not to go to college.

"I went to one summer session at St. Peter's," Tally said. "Somehow, things just didn't work out for me. I wasn't very happy there. So, I sat out a year and worked for the Golden Nugget."

At the Golden Nugget, a casino in Atlantic City, Tally was far removed from the basketball courts he had frequented around town. He had been a high school teammate of current St. John's guard Willie Glass, and though he was not highly recruited by the country's major colleges, the 6-foot-1, 170-pound guard was considered one of the top prep players in New Jersey. But when Tally decided to forego academia for the working world, his basketball career appeared to be over.

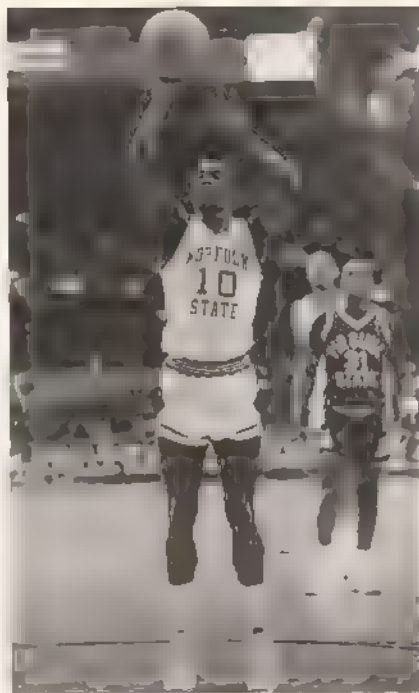
Tally, however, was not so sure. He thought that he still had something to offer to a college basketball team, and he didn't see much of a future for himself at the casino.

"I was just a food runner," he said. "My job was to stock all the food in the kitchen. I also got a chance to arrange some of the food trays. It wasn't a big-time job. I had no plans to stay there the rest of my life...."

"I had a lot of people telling me, 'Hey, you should be playing basketball somewhere.' I never gave up hope of getting another shot to play college basketball. I kept myself in good shape and played basketball during the summer and winter months."

After a year of working at the casino, Tally still was hoping that someone would take a gamble on him. That someone came along in the person of Norfolk (Va.) State Coach Charles Christian, who had heard about him through Jim Bradley, a Norfolk State alumnus and a close friend of Tally's family.

"Jim told me all about Ralph," Christian said. "He said: 'Hey, I know this guy who's working at the Golden Nugget casino that could help you win it all. He's an outstanding player.' Jim recommended him so highly we recruited him without even watching him play a game. I guess you can say we rolled the dice and came up a winner."



Norfolk State's Ralph Tally.

Said Tally: "I didn't know too much about Norfolk State. Mr. Bradley had spoken to Coach Christian, and everything just fell into place. I was taking a little bit of a chance by coming down here—even though I didn't have anyplace else to go."

As it turned out, the risk was worthwhile for both Tally and Norfolk State. In his first college game, Tally scored 33 points against Tuskegee. While averaging 12.8 points and 4.4 assists per game and collecting 68 steals, he led the Spartans to a 29-2 record, the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association championship and the CIAA Tournament title. He was named to the All-CIAA team and was selected as Most Valuable Player in the league tournament—the first freshman ever to be so honored.

As a sophomore, Tally averaged 20.9 points and made 103 steals, although the Spartans went 23-7 and finished second to Virginia Union in the league. At the CIAA Tournament, the National Basketball Association scouts came to watch Virginia Union's Charles Oakley (a 1985 first-round draft pick now with the Chicago Bulls), but most of them came away talking about Tally. Although the Spartans didn't win the championship, Tally was named co-winner of the playoffs MVP award with Oakley.

"Ralph's the Number 1 player in the CIAA," said Marty Blake, the NBA's director of scouting. "He can do just about everything on the floor. He's a complete player."

To prepare for his junior season, Tally rode a bus twice a week from Atlantic City to Philadelphia to play in the Sonny Hill College League.

"I knew the Sonny Hill League would

give me a chance to play against guys like (Temple's) Nate Blackwell and Tim Perry," Tally said. "The Sonny Hill League has some of the best players in the country."

"Willie (Glass) and I used to catch the bus all the way to Philly every week. I guess that's about 130 miles round trip. Sometimes I would be very tired, but I always tried to show up because I wanted to play with the best."

Tally had a junior year—the CIAA scoring title with a 24-point average (including 54 three-point field goals), league tournament MVP for the third straight year and CIAA MVP—that will be hard to top. In fact, he was so good, some thought that he would opt for the NBA draft a year early.

"I was definitely thinking about going hardship," he said. "This wasn't just a rumor. But I heard about some of the other players like Pearl Washington, Chris Washburn and Walter Berry who were coming out early. I knew I wouldn't be a first-rounder this season, so I decided to stay in school. I'm glad I changed my mind, too, because if I have a good year, my stock could rise a lot higher. In addition to that, I want to finish my education."

Last summer, Tally was invited to try out for the U.S. squad that competed in the annual world championships in Spain. Only one other Division II player, Tampa's Todd Linder, received such an invitation.

"I didn't make the team, but it was a good experience for me," he said. "They had some great players like Pervis Ellison, Tony Kimbro, David Robinson and Tyrone Bogues. I thought I played very well out there. But I guess when you're a Division II player, you can't just play well. You have to be exceptional."

Tally must be exceptional because pro scouts now are saying that he could be a high first-round draft choice next summer. The 1987 crop of potential NBA draft picks is weaker than in recent years, but it still says a lot that a Division II player who once left the basketball scene would be rated so highly.

"I look at Rick Mahorn, Charles Oakley, Ken Bannister and David Pope," Tally said, "and Division II basketball didn't hurt them.... These guys could have played on any level. It's just that Division II, especially black colleges, doesn't get a lot of exposure."

In any case, Tally is grateful to be playing college basketball and drawing the attention of NBA scouts.

"Looking back now, the chances of me playing basketball after sitting out a year weren't very good," Tally said. "But with the help of my family and friends, I guess you can say I beat the odds."

Sometimes that actually happens in Atlantic City. ■

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1986-87 College In-Season Tournaments

(Opening-round matchups listed where available. Asterisks denote host schools.)

| Date | Tournament | Participating Teams | Date | Tournament | Participating Teams |
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| NOV. 21-22 | Coca-Cola NIT (First- and second-round games to be played at campus sites, semifinals and finals to be played in New York City) | Arizona at Nevada-Las Vegas, Brigham Young at Oklahoma, Texas Christian at Louisiana State, Western Kentucky at Notre Dame, Bradley at Michigan, Howard at Villanova, Temple at Virginia, Cleveland State at Memphis State | DEC. 19-20 | Kentucky Invitational (Lexington, Ky.) | Kentucky* vs. Iowa, Boston University vs. Texas A&M. |
| NOV. 28-29 | AMI Classic (Miami) | Miami (Fla.)* vs. Central Florida, La Salle vs. Penn State. | DEC. 19-20 | Loggorn Classic (Austin, Tex.) | Texas*, Bowling Green, Grambling, South Alabama. |
| NOV. 28-29 | BYU-Hawaii Tournament (Lale, Hawaii) | BYU-Hawaii*, Duke, Illinois, New Mexico State | DEC. 19-20 | LSU Invitational (Baton Rouge, La.) | Louisiana State* vs. Hardin-Simmons, New Orleans vs. Northwestern State. |
| NOV. 28-29 | Central Fidelity Classic (Richmond, Va.) | Richmond* vs. Rice, Georgia Tech vs. Stanford | DEC. 19-20 | Miller Lite Rebel Roundup (Las Vegas) | Nevada-Las Vegas* vs. Ohio, Duquesne vs. Louisiana Tech. |
| NOV. 28-29 | Coast Cities Classic (West Long Branch, N.J.) | Monmouth*, Fordham, Hofstra, Illinois-Chicago | DEC. 19-20 | Music City Invitational (Nashville, Tenn.) | Vanderbilt* vs. Tennessee Tech, Illinois State vs. Kansas State. |
| NOV. 28-29 | Connecticut Bank & Trust Tr. (Hartford, Conn.) | Hartford* vs. Dartmouth, Jacksonville vs. Rhode Island. | DEC. 19-20 | Pan American Holiday Classic (Edinburg, Tex.) | Pan American*, Nichols State, Stephen F. Austin, Texas-Arlington. |
| NOV. 28-29 | Carlisle Classic (East Lansing, Mich.) | Michigan State* vs. Eastern Michigan, Navy vs. Ulica. | DEC. 19-20 | Volunteer Classic (Knoxville) | Tennessee* vs. Ball State, San Diego State vs. UNC Charlotte. |
| NOV. 28-29 | Fleet Classic (Providence, R.I.) | Providence* vs. American, Tulsa vs. Xavier (O.). | DEC. 22-23 | Met Life Classic (San Francisco) | San Francisco* vs. Harvard, Fordham vs. Utah State. |
| NOV. 28-30 | Great Alaska Shootout (Anchorage) | Alaska Anchorage* vs. Iowa Louisville vs. Northeastern, N.C. State vs. Texas, Utah State vs. Washington. | DEC. 22-23 | Utah Classic (Salt Lake City) | Utah* vs. North Texas State, Army vs. St. Mary's (Calif.). |
| NOV. 28-30 | Hawaiian Airlines Invitational (Waikuku, Haw.) | Chaminade* vs. Long Beach State, Missouri vs. UNC Charlotte, New Mexico vs. Vanderbilt, Arkansas State vs. Virginia Commonwealth. | DEC. 25-26 | Cheminade Classic (Honolulu) | Chaminade*, Seton Hall, Weber State, Western Kentucky. |
| NOV. 28-29 | IPATY Tournament (Clemson, S.C.) | Clemson*, Boston University, Drexel, Georgia State. | DEC. 26-27 | All-College Tournament (Oklahoma City) | Oklahoma State* vs. Texas Christian, Creighton vs. Oklahoma. |
| NOV. 28-29 | Lapchick Memorial Tournament (New York City) | St. John's*, Marist, Southern, Youngstown State. | DEC. 26-27 | Creighton Lobo Invitational (Albuquerque) | New Mexico* vs. Brown, Drake vs. Miami (O.). |
| NOV. 28-29 | Sun Met Classic (Fresno, Calif.) | Fresno State* vs. Cornell, McNeese State vs. Pan American. | DEC. 26-29 | Far West Classic (Portland Ore.) | Oregon State* vs. Idaho, Oregon vs. Southwestern Louisiana, Mississippi State vs. San Jose State, Louisiana Tech vs. Washington. |
| DEC. 5-6 | Amen-Hawkeye Classic (Iowa City, Ia.) | Iowa* vs. Delaware, Loyola Marymount vs. Washington State. | DEC. 26-27 | Hoosier Classic (Indianapolis) | Indiana* vs. Princeton, Fresno State vs. Illinois State. |
| DEC. 5-6 | Apple Invitational (Palo Alto, Calif.) | Stanford*, Alabama-Birmingham, Columbia, Hawaii Pacific. | DEC. 26-27 | Joston's Classic (Philadelphia) | St. Joseph's* vs. La Salle, Northeastern vs. Bradley. |
| DEC. 5-6 | Carrier Classic (Syracuse, N.Y.) | Syracuse* vs. Oklahoma State, Northeastern vs. Jacksonville. | DEC. 26-27 | Milwaukee Classic (Milwaukee) | Marquette* vs. Columbia, Pepperdine vs. South Florida. |
| DEC. 5-6 | Coca-Cola Invitational (Chattanooga) | Tennessee-Chatt., Baptist (S.C.), Georgia Southern, Tennessee St. | DEC. 27-29 | Bad Light Holiday Classic (Las Vegas) | Nevada-Las Vegas* vs. Old Dominion, Idaho State vs. Navy. |
| DEC. 5-6 | Cactus Classic (Tempe, Ariz.) | Arizona State* vs. Hawaii, Houston vs. Mississippi Valley State. | DEC. 27-28 | Cowboy Shootout (Casper, Wyo.) | Wyoming* vs. Northern Illinois, Lamar vs. Western Michigan. |
| DEC. 5-6 | Memorial Invitational (Huntington, W. Va.) | Marshall*, Acorn State, Austin Peay State, Radford. | DEC. 27-29 | ECAC Holiday Festival (New York City) | Georgia Tech vs. Rutgers, St. John's vs. Virginia. |
| DEC. 5-6 | Tip-Off Classic (El Paso, Tex.) | Texas-El Paso* vs. Hardin-Simmons, Appalachian State vs. Pan American. | DEC. 27-29 | Fiesta Bowl Tournament (Tempe, Ariz.) | Arizona* vs. UNC-Charlotte, St. Bonaventure vs. Texas Tech. |
| DEC. 5-6 | Wendy's Classic (Bowling Green, Ky.) | Western Kentucky* vs. Mercer, Murray State vs. Southern California. | DEC. 27-28 | Holiday Bowl Tournament (San Diego) | San Diego State*, Arizona State, Manhattan, Mississippi. |
| DEC. 5-6 | Wichita Shootout (Wichita, Kan.) | Wichita State*, Fordham, Northern Illinois, Southeastern Louisiana. | DEC. 27-30 | Rainbow Classic (Honolulu) | Hawaii* vs. Wisconsin, California vs. Florida, Pittsburgh vs. Kansas, Arkansas vs. Ohio State. |
| DEC. 6-7 | Investors Classic (Charlottesville, Va.) | Virginia* vs. Southern Illinois, George Mason vs. New Orleans. | DEC. 28-29 | Anteater Classic (Long Beach, Calif.) | Cal-Irvine* vs. Eastern Washington, Iowa vs. Portland. |
| DEC. 12-13 | Cardinal Verell Club Classic (Muncie, Ind.) | Ball State*, Butler, Mississippi Valley State, Valparaiso. | DEC. 28-29 | Sugar Bowl Tournament (New Orleans) | Houston, South Carolina, Vanderbilt, Villanova. |
| DEC. 12-13 | Champion Holiday Classic (Missoula, Mont.) | Montana*, Houston Baptist, Kent State, Rider College. | DEC. 28-29 | San Bowl Tournament (El Paso, Tex.) | Texas-E. Paso* vs. Texas, Auburn vs. Iowa State. |
| DEC. 12-13 | Cougar Classic (Provo, Utah) | Brigham Young* vs. Arizona State, Fullerton State vs. Texas Christian. | DEC. 29-30 | Blade Classic (Toledo) | Toledo* vs. Air Force, Georgia Southern vs. Temple. |
| DEC. 12-13 | Early Season Tournament (Honolulu) | Hawaii* vs. Santa Clara, Fresno State vs. Indiana State. | DEC. 29-30 | BMA Holiday Classic (Kansas City, Mo.) | Missouri vs. Oral Roberts, Alabama vs. Pennsylvania. |
| DEC. 12-13 | Illini Classic (Champaign, Ill.) | Illinois*, Illinois-Chicago, Baylor, Princeton. | DEC. 29-30 | Cable Car Classic (Santa Clara, Calif.) | Santa Clara* vs. Wake Forest, Brigham Young vs. Michigan State. |
| DEC. 12-13 | Indiana Classic (Bloomington, Ind.) | Indiana*, East Carolina, Southern Illinois, UNC-Wilmington. | DEC. 29-30 | Connecticut Mutual Classic (Hartford, Conn.) | Connecticut* vs. Hartford, Lehigh vs. Texas A&M. |
| DEC. 12-13 | Manufacturers Hanover Classic (New Rochelle, N.Y.) | Iona* vs. Grambling, Wagner vs. Morehead State. | DEC. 29-30 | Dallas Morning News Tournament (Dallas) | Southern Methodist* vs. Towson State, Purdue vs. North Carolina. |
| DEC. 12-13 | McDonald's Classic (Akron, O.) | Akron* vs. Central Connecticut State, Alabama State vs. Coastal Carolina. | DEC. 29-30 | First Tulsa Classic (Tulsa) | Tulsa*, Colorado State, Drexel, William & Mary. |
| DEC. 12-13 | Runnig Joe Classic (Jonestown, Ark.) | Arkansas State* vs. Texas-San Antonio, Nichols State vs. Texas-Arlington. | DEC. 29-30 | Palm Beach Hurricane Classic (West Palm Beach, Fla.) | Miami (Fla.)* vs. Yale, Stanford vs. Massachusetts. |
| DEC. 12-13 | TCBY Tip-Off Tournament (Little Rock, Ark.) | Arkansas-Little Rock*, Alabama-Birmingham, Baptist (S.C.), Monmouth (N.J.). | DEC. 29-30 | Red Lobster Classic (Orlando, Fla.) | Alcorn State, Central Florida, Florida State, Tennessee. |
| DEC. 13-14 | Colton States Classic (Atlanta) | Georgia* vs. Loyola of Chicago, Georgia State vs. Memphis State. | DEC. 29-30 | Rochester Classic (Rochester, N.Y.) | Butler, George Mason, Nebraska, San Francisco. |
| DEC. 19-20 | Albertson's Classic (Boise, Ida.) | Boise State* vs. Southwest Texas State, Long Beach State vs. San Diego. | DEC. 29-30 | Times-Dispatch Invitational (Richmond, Va.) | Virginia Tech vs. Richmond, Virginia Commonwealth vs. James Madison. |
| DEC. 19-20 | Bayou Classic (Lafayette, La.) | Southwestern Louisiana*, Idaho State, Murray State, Tennessee-Chatt. | DEC. 29-30 | UAB Classic (Birmingham, Ala.) | Alabama-Birmingham* vs. Alaska-Anchorage, Michigan vs. Middle Tennessee State. |
| DEC. 19-20 | Belor Bowl Tournament (Jacksonville, Fla.) | Jacksonville* vs. Virginia Tech, Florida vs. Ohio State. | DEC. 29-30 | UT-Chattanooga Classic (Chattanooga) | Tennessee-Chattanooga* vs. Coigale, Samford vs. Southern Mississippi. |
| DEC. 19-20 | Hawaiian Tropic Classic (Daytona Beach, Fla.) | Stetson* vs. Eastern Kentucky, La Salle vs. Georgia. | DEC. 29-30 | Wolf Pack Classic (Reno, Nev.) | Nevada-Reno* vs. North Texas State, Eastern Illinois vs. Northeast Louisiana. |
| | | | JAN. 2-3 | Heritage Drake Classic (Des Moines, Ia.) | Drake* vs. Texas-Arlington, Southeastern Louisiana vs. Texas A&M. |
| | | | JAN. 2-3 | Seawar Invitational (Norman, Okla.) | Oklahoma*, Arkansas State, Chicago State, McNeese State. |
| | | | JAN. 7-8 | McLendon Classic (Chicago) | Illinois-Chicago* vs. Tennessee State, Alcorn State vs. Howard. |

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A dynamic action shot of Akeem Olajuwon, a Houston Rockets player, performing a powerful dunk. He is wearing a red jersey and red shorts, with his arms extended high towards the basket. A defender in a white jersey is jumping to block him. The background shows a blurred crowd of spectators in a large arena. The title 'NBA REPORT' is in the top left, and a caption is in the bottom left.

High-flying Houston
Center Akeem Olajuwon

CHARLES





He's Lean, Mean and Ready To Lead 76ers to Promised Land

By RAY DIDINGER

Practice was over, the TV crews had gone and Charles Barkley sat courtside in the deserted Spectrum, watching the workmen sweep the aisles for the next day's Philadelphia-Milwaukee playoff game.

The teams' Eastern Conference semifinal series was tied at one game apiece and Barkley, the 76ers' second-year forward, had taken center stage. He had amassed 31 points and 20 rebounds in Game 1, 26 points and 15 rebounds in Game 2.

Barkley had destroyed the Bucks' front line and his exuberant, fist-pumping style had incurred the wrath of the Milwaukee fans. The Milwaukee Arena crowd chanted obscenities at Barkley in Game 1 and threw coins at him in Game 2.

Milwaukee forward Terry Cummings told newsmen he was sick of hearing about Barkley. "You'd think he was the only player in the series," Cummings said.

On this off-day, Barkley sat in the darkened arena, his weary legs draped across two folding chairs, a Milwaukee Brewers cap pulled low across his eyes. He savored the silence while it lasted. The war, he knew, would resume soon enough.

"People who don't know me read me wrong," Barkley said. "Cummings reads me wrong. He thinks I'm cocky. I'm not. I'm just playing the only way I know how and that's with my heart."

"I play hard because I want to be special. I don't want people to say, 'Barkley's a good player.' I want them to say, 'Barkley's the best.' Every NBA player has ability. It's pride that sets the great ones apart. It's pride that keeps you going."

"People say I do things on the court (show emotion, gesture, etc.) and many times I'm not even aware. I get into a game and it's like war, me against the man guarding me. I'll beat him into the floor if I have to, whatever it takes to win."

"I don't consider myself a mean player," Barkley said, "but I hate to lose."

When we lose, I don't want to talk to nobody, not even my teammates. All I think about is how I could have done this or that. I won't fall into a rut where losing comes easy. I see (players) like that and shake my head.

"Maybe Cummings and those (Milwaukee) fans would like me better if I rolled over and let 'em have this series, but that's not me. The day the fans in other cities start tossing me flowers, I'll know it's time to get out."

"I'm a basketball player, not a politician. I don't have to please the public to win, I just have to do my job. Like (Larry) Bird. He's the most obnoxious man I ever played against. I never saw a player so cocky, but he backs it up. I can respect that."

"Even the fans who get on me, I think, respect me as a player. If they don't... well, you know, some people are just ignorant."

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A Charles Barkley jam is an exhibition of raw power.

The 76ers-Bucks series went down to the final seconds of Game 7. Julius Erving missed a 12-foot jumper at the buzzer and Milwaukee won, 113-112.

While his teammates walked to the dressing room, Barkley went back to the bench and sat alone for several minutes. The Milwaukee fans gathered behind him, taunting, but he kept his eyes fixed on the court.

"I needed a little time," Barkley explained later, "to sort things out."

The 76ers had lost, but the mourning period in Philadelphia was brief. The team had taken the Midwest Division champions down to the last shot while playing without the injured Moses Malone (eye) and Andrew Toney (foot). The Sixers had advanced farther than anyone expected and, in the process, forged a new personality.

They no longer were a team that dumped the ball into the low post and watched the big man bump and grind. Without Moses, the 76ers were forced to open up their offense and run the fast break. They liked the new look so much that they decided to build their future around it.

In June, the 76ers traded Malone and the No. 1 pick in the NBA draft to acquire center Jeff Ruland and forward Cliff Robinson from Washington and forward Roy Hinson from Cleveland. Swapping Malone was a bold, controversial move (Ruland played in only 30 of 82 regular-season games last season because of various injuries), but it was one management endorsed wholeheartedly.

"As great a player as Moses is, sometimes he limits you in your ability to run," Owner Harold Katz said. "I believe we've now positioned ourselves to be a better team. We're bigger than Milwaukee now and more talented."

In August, the 76ers re-signed the 36-year-old Erving and insured that he would play his final NBA season in Philadelphia. But there is no question the new team leader, the man Coach Matt Guokas will look to at crunch time, is Barkley. It was his emergence last season that brought about the dramatic change in philosophy.

"We have seen the future and he wears No. 34," said former 76ers general manager Pat Williams as the playoffs wound down. "Charles just now realizes what I've told him from Day 1. He can be the NBA's next dominant forward."

Williams is not alone in this opinion. Los Angeles Lakers Coach Pat Riley called Barkley "the most powerful player at that position I've ever seen." Golden State Coach George Karl said, "I don't know when I've seen a better rebounder."

Barkley's development as a second-year pro was, in a word, stunning. He averaged 20 points and 12.8 rebounds per game during the regular season. He won the NBA's Schick Pivotal Player Award for all-around excellence, edging Bird in the composite rating of points, rebounds, assists and steals. Barkley and Bird were the forwards on The Sporting News' All-NBA team, voted by the players.

The 23-year-old Barkley has grown up

fast. He finished second to Detroit's Bill Laimbeer for the rebounding title and he ranked sixth in field goal percentage (57.2).

The most revealing statistics, however, were the ones Barkley compiled after Malone suffered his season-ending eye injury at the end of March. In those 20 games (eight regular season, 12 playoffs), Barkley averaged 24.5 points, 18.7 rebounds and 6.3 assists. He had two triple-doubles and missed by one assist in four other games.

The 6-6, 257-pounder led the Sixers past Washington in the first playoff round and carried them wire-to-wire against Milwaukee. Barkley grabbed 103 rebounds in the series against the Bucks; that was more than teammates Terry Catledge, Bobby Jones and Clemon Johnson combined. He averaged 42.4 minutes per game.

At the risk of offending Terry Cummings, there were times when it appeared that Barkley was, indeed, the only player in the series. He blew his cool in Game 5, going nose-to-nose with Glukas during a timeout and decking the Bucks' Paul Mokeski with a sweeping left hook, but he gave the 76ers a pulse when no one else could.

"They say you have to be fearless before you can be great," Julius Erving said. "You have to be willing to put yourself out on a limb. Charles does that with his style of play and his comments."

"Sometimes I wish he'd think a second before he speaks," Erving added, "but he's a spontaneous guy."

The Doctor looks after Barkley in an almost fatherly way. After a tough loss last season, Erving phoned Barkley at his suburban apartment. Charles was watching a TV replay of the game and reliving every missed shot.

"He told me to forget it," Barkley said. "He said these games are like rain, they make you grow. The Doctor keeps everything in perspective. I need some of that now and then."

Erving was there when Barkley gave Larry Bird the "choke" sign after Bird missed the first of two foul shots in an April game at the Spectrum.

"What's this?" Erving thought.

Then Bird, the NBA's best foul shooter, missed the second shot as well. Erving came downcourt and hit the three-pointer that gave the Sixers their most satisfying win of the year, 95-94.

"I thought it (the gesture) was kind of funny," Erving said. "A lot of guys think of things like that, but it takes a guy like Charles to do it."

"I don't want to take away from Charles' emotion," Guokas said, "that's a big part of his game. I just don't want to see him dig any holes for himself. I'm talking mostly about talking back to the referees."

"We've discussed it and he said he'd try to cut down on his technicals (he had 23 last season, most on the team). Charles has improved in this area but he'll always get his share of Ts. He just gets so caught up in the game. He loses it sometimes."

Charles Barkley came to the 76ers in 1984 with a reputation as being hard to handle.

At Auburn, he had a stormy relationship with Coach Sonny Smith—Barkley even left school briefly in his junior year—and Indiana Coach Bobby Knight cut him from the 1984 Olympic team because he didn't like his attitude.

Then there was the matter of weight. As a collegian, Barkley tipped the scales at anywhere from 285 to 305 pounds. He was better known for his nicknames—The Round Mound of Rebound, Boy Gorge, etc.—than his Southeastern Conference Player of the Year Award (1984).

But when Barkley declared hardship after his junior season, the NBA was more than willing to make room for him. The Sixers made Barkley the fifth selection in the first round of the draft, following Akeem Olajuwon (Houston), Sam Bowie (Portland), Michael Jordan (Chicago) and Sam Perkins (Dallas).

"The only other (available) player we liked was Alvin Robertson," Pat Williams said, "but we were looking for frontcourt help so Barkley was the obvious choice. We liked his physical tools. Jack McMahon (the Sixers' player personnel director) loved him.

"We knew there were questions about his weight and his work habits, but we went for the bottom line. We asked one question: 'Can this guy play?' The unanimous answer was yes. Fine, we'd start with that. The rest we could deal with later."

The Barkley selection received a mixed reaction in Philadelphia. The cable TV junkies knew Barkley, but the average fan knew only the fat jokes. There was a widespread fear that the 76ers, who had drafted Leo Rautins and Mark McNamara the previous two years, had blown another No. 1 pick.

Williams didn't help matters by announcing Barkley's selection with a series of one-liners. Example: "Even Charles' bathtub has stretch marks." The South Philadelphia pizza merchants danced in the streets.

As a rookie, Barkley was an erratic, yet formidable, presence. He averaged 14 points and 8.6 rebounds while splitting time with Erving and Jones and sharing space in the paint with Malone.

Barkley performed occasional feats that left fans and opponents staring in wonder. Once he moved the Spectrum's 2,240-pound basket support half a foot with one mighty dunk. The last person to do that was driving a forklift.

He also had moments that exasperated his coaches and teammates. He committed silly fouls and yapped at officials. Coach Billy Cunningham tried to fit Barkley into what his notion of a rookie should be and Barkley kept reaching for something more. It wasn't a happy time.

"Charles didn't fit into that old power-forward role," Erving said. "He wasn't like Marc Iavaroni and guys like that. Trying to fit him in that role was like trying to fit a square peg in a round hole.

"I could see what Billy was doing. He

had to take into consideration the fact that Charles was a rookie and had a few rough edges. But Charles knew what he could do and he has such a tremendous desire to play and cut loose. There was tugging on both sides.

"I think what happened this season is Matty (Guokas) took over and let Charles become the square peg in the square hole. He let Charles play more in the low post; he let him run and handle the ball more in the open court. Charles' natural gifts took over."

In his own way, Charles took over as well. When Katz criticized the team's performance in a win over Golden State, Barkley snapped, "Maybe he should coach." When the Sixers lost a tough game to Boston, Barkley called a team meeting to "talk things over."

Barkley was criticized in the newspapers for daring to play the leader on a team with veterans like Erving, Malone, Jones and Maurice Cheeks. Barkley said it wasn't that way at all.

"I was only trying to help," he said. "The (team) understood. It was everybody else who got it wrong."

"The media loves a team meeting, it makes for a great headline," Guokas said, "but it wasn't like Charles tried to take over the ship. A few things were said (after the game) and Charles said, 'Let's talk about this.' Simple as that."

Guokas is pleased with what he terms Barkley's "total development." He says Barkley works as hard as any player on the team. He trains with Pat Croce, the physical therapist for the 76ers and hockey Flyers, and his weight is down to a lean, mean 257.

The Round Mound now has a 36-inch waist and a scant 12 percent body fat. He is quicker and more flexible; he has the stamina to play 40-plus minutes and still crash the boards in the fourth quarter. The secret? Diet soda and no junk food.

"Charles' strength is unbelievable. . . I mean scary," said Croce, a former martial arts champion who is not easily awed by such things. "He presses his legs against me when we stretch and he almost chops me in half."

Barkley's size, strength and flamboyant style have made him one of the NBA's most talked-about players. He's the kind of guy the fans either love or hate. When he's on the floor, you can't take your eyes off him.

"How many players," New York Coach Hubie Brown asked, "can turn on a crowd and keep it at a steady roar for six or seven minutes? I'm talking home AND away. How many players can do that?"

"Michael Jordan, Dominique Wilkins and this kid. Barkley might be more exciting than any of them because he's so emotional. If you don't enjoy watching Barkley, hey, there's something wrong with you."

Already there are Charles Barkley T-shirts, posters and fan clubs. He made a TV commercial for Nike shoes. His attorney had hundreds of promotional deals cooking in the off-season, but Barkley went back to his home in Leeds, Ala., to



The decks clear fast once Charles Barkley gets his awesome hands on a rebound.

relax with his mother, grandmother and two brothers.

He played baseball with the neighborhood kids in the field across the street. He rode his bike through town and shot pool with his high school buddies at the Fuzzy Mule Lounge. He played tennis with his brothers and watched TV. He kept a safe distance from the spotlight.

"There are two sides to being a celebrity," Barkley said. "The one side is what everybody sees, the money and the TV. The other side is having to deal with ignorant people who think you're public property."

"I don't need that. I mean, fame isn't all it's cracked up to be. Everybody says, 'Charles, you're so lucky. You're a star.' I laugh because I know that's not a real world I'm living in. How can I take it seriously?"

"I'm a success, but for how long? It could end any day. I could wreck my knee tomorrow, then what? I have one thing I can count on and that's my family. They'll be there for me, win or lose. The rest of it is all superficial."

"It's like wrapping paper," Barkley said. "It looks pretty on the outside, but you can't see what's underneath. It might be nothing but an empty box. It's like my mother told me, the only part of this (fame) that's real is me."

"I'm not gonna forget it." ■

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Some Recollections Of an NBA Rookie

By JON KONCAK
with MARK BRADLEY

I was a rookie. I kept a diary. The Sporting News asked if I would, and I said sure. I'd never been reluctant to share my thoughts. When I played for Southern Methodist, that sometimes got me in trouble. I'd talk about Joe Kleine, my rival at Arkansas, or about why I sat out the last few minutes of our NCAA loss to Loyola—so as not to get hurt and jeopardize my pro future, I said—and I'd be kidding. But people took me seriously.

So, I wrote this myself. This way, at least one person (me) knew what I meant. During the season, I'd sit down once a week and record my thoughts, such as they were. Some weeks were good, others less so. I found out a rookie's weeks are like that.

My team, the Atlanta Hawks, had a big year. We finished 50-32, fourth-best in the Eastern Conference. The year before, the

Hawks went 34-48 and landed in the draft lottery. That's how they got me. I was the fifth player picked, the third center. Unlike Patrick Ewing, I wasn't considered a franchise draftee. In fact, one basketball yearbook wrote: "The only way Jon Koncak will make an impact on the NBA is if you drop him off a 50-story building." I thought that was pretty funny.

I think I had an impact. I wasn't Patrick Ewing, didn't make the all-rookie team, didn't even start for the Hawks. I'm not going to tell you I was the sole reason we gained 16 games in one year—obviously, Dominique Wilkins and Spud Webb and all the others surely did their parts—but I think I helped. I hope so, anyway.

So, here goes. I'm not trying to be Jim Bouton; there won't be any stories about who was running around on his wife. But I'm hoping you'll get an idea what a rookie's first swing around the league can be like. I'll go month by month. The months went fast.

Negotiations with the Hawks have been about what you'd expect. They drafted me in June but haven't made a legitimate offer until the week before training camp opens. Sherwood Blount, one of my agents, said in the paper that Stan Kasten, the Hawks' general manager, was known as "Mr. Long-Term, Low-Pay Deferred." Well, when Stan flew to Dallas to meet with us, he handed Sherwood a business card with "Stan Kasten, Mr. Long-Term, Low-Pay Deferred" printed on it.

Their first offer was another joke—\$1.6 million over four years. Patrick's making that much in a year! So I'm waiting while my agents handle it. My wife, Darlene, and I are still living in our apartment in Dallas. I want to play. Darlene wants me to stay out until I get what I want. It's tough.

I finally agree on terms on September 27, the day camp opens. I fly to Atlanta two nights later and sign. It's for \$2.5 million over four years, not counting incentives. I probably could've gotten more if I'd held out longer, but I've already missed three days of camp. Besides, my dad's an engineer and made decent money, but here I am at 22, making more than he's made in his life.

I'm relieved to have signed, but the next 24 hours are a nightmare. After I sign, Stan wants me to get on a 12:30 a.m. plane and fly to Charleston, S.C., where we're training. I say no. I've been flying all day, and I'm dead. So I stay in Atlanta on Sunday night and catch a 6:40 a.m. flight Monday morning. I get to the hotel at 9:40 a.m. and see Joe O'Toole, the Hawks' trainer. He says, "Go up to your room and I'll give you a call and take you to practice." We're supposed to work out at 11. I check in. I'm in room 1105. I lie down with the phone beside me, waiting for Joe to call. He doesn't. I nod off.

I wake up at 11:15, call the desk and ask if there are any messages. There aren't. I don't know what to do. I guess I could go out and try to find the gym, but Joe said he'd call, didn't he? So I sit. Finally, Willis Reed, an assistant coach, calls and says: "Where are you? We've been calling all morning." And then the desk calls and says: "We're sorry. We put you in the wrong room. We've got you down as being in 1005."

Great. So much for making a good first impression. When I finally catch up to the team, Mike Fratello, the coach, is really hot. He says: "You've signed now. You're our property. Everybody wanted to know where you were this morning. You better come ready to play tonight." I do. I play pretty well.

OCTOBER 1985

We're practicing twice a day, and I can feel the guys checking me out. Kevin Willis is calling me "Big-Money Rook." Whenever we go against each other, it's like a bull and a bulldog. He's competitive, and so am I. The first scrimmage, I block two of his shots.

I was a little worried about Tree Rolins. He's been the center for eight years, and the papers keep saying I'm supposed to take his job. If he wanted to, he could make it tough on me, but he's been great the whole time. He tells the other guys: "This is my rook. I'm gonna take care of him."

Our first exhibition game is against the Knicks in Charleston. I play against Patrick. We were teammates on the Olympic Team, and he's a nicer guy than everybody thinks. We win by 20 points. I had 14 points and eight rebounds; Patrick had eight and four. I wanted to play well, and I did.

The rest of the exhibitions fly by. When we get back to Atlanta for our season opener against Washington, Darlene's already there. She's living in a motel, looking for a house. She ends up finding us a condominium on the northwest side of town. Rent is \$775 a month. We're still looking for a house, which is a better investment.

I only play six minutes in our opening game because of foul trouble. Rookie fouls. I do draw a foul on Manute Bol, another rookie center. He's so tall it's scary. He looks like Gumby.

NOVEMBER 1985

I play the best game of my young pro career against Philadelphia. I had nine points and nine rebounds and forced Moses Malone into two or three turnovers the last few minutes. We win in overtime. Back at SMU, guys would tell me, "If you can play against Moses, you can play against anybody." Tonight is the first time I'm sure I'll make it in the NBA. I can't say Moses was as thrilled as I was, though. He kept yelling at the refs: "This damn rook can't hold me! If you'd call fouls, I'd have 50 points!"

We leave on our first long road trip, four games in five nights. Everybody tells me it's a different world on the road, and from what I can tell, I'm not sure our team thinks it can win on the road. We get mashed at Denver the first game, but I score 21 points. Then I score in double figures the next three games, too, and we split on the trip. Not bad for a rookie. (By the way, I'm already sick of everybody calling me "Rook." If I never hear that word again, I'll be thrilled.)

Back home, I get to start. Tree hurt his ankle. I think, "Jon, here's your chance," and then I blow it. I start against Chicago and don't do much, start against Utah and score only five points against Mark Eaton, start against Cleveland and play only 15 minutes. If I'd scored 15 points in each of those games, I might've been a lock to start at center the whole way. As it is, I've disappointed myself. I feel like I let something slip away.

DECEMBER 1985

I seem to be regressing. I play four minutes against Milwaukee, 14 against Boston, 13 against Seattle. At the end against Seattle, Tree hurts his ankle again and



Jon Koncak discovered early that rookie life is never easy, especially when you run into such heavyweights as the Lakers' Kareem Abdul-Jabbar.

Mike plays Kevin, a big forward, at center. It's weird, but I know I can get things done. It's not like I'm fumbling the ball every chance I get. But I'm fouling too much. I foul out of four straight games, which doesn't help your minutes. And I know if I get the minutes, I'll get things done. I'm frustrated right now.

Am I picking up fouls just because I'm a rookie? Are the refs singling me out? I think it's a little of both. You have to earn the calls in this league, but you also have to learn what you can get away with. I need to learn how to play the refs—fast. If I've learned one thing about this league, it's that bad games can pile up fast. In college, you play twice a week. You've got time to relax and recover. In the NBA, you can cram four bad games into a week if you don't watch it.

I play 18 minutes and score just two points against Akeem Olajuwon. We

played against each other a lot in college, and one game my junior year I ate his lunch. Now here we are, two years later, and he's just incredible. His level of improvement is two steps to every one of yours. Tonight he nets this unbelievable fadeaway over me to put the Rockets up by two with 18 seconds left, and I'm thinking, "Oh, God, I just lost the game." But Dominique Wilkins nails a three-pointer, and we win.

Right after Christmas, I have a brutal game against Washington—six minutes, four fouls. Afterward, Mike rips me for 10 minutes. He yells at me, then turns to walk to the blackboard. Halfway there, he thinks of something else to say, so he turns around and starts yelling again, over and over. He says, "We're paying you a lot of money to do a job." It's the first

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time he's mentioned money to me.

We play in New York the next night, after which we're off for five days with nothing to do but practice. I tell myself, "Jon, you've gotta do something against the Knicks to get Mike off your back this next week." So I go out and get 20 rebounds, the most by a Hawk in three years. At the end, Nique jumps in front of me for a rebound, and I say: "What are you doing? I'm trying to break a record here." I feel great after the game, like I proved a point.

JANUARY 1986

We're 15-15 going into '86. We weren't playing together early in the season, but we're looking better every game. At first I thought if we could finish .500, we'd have had a great year. But I'm starting to think we're better than that. We play hard almost all the time, and that means a lot. We've got a six-game home stand coming up, a chance to make our move.

We win the first two games on the home stand, and we lead Boston, 70-48, at halftime. The Omni is packed, and people are going crazy. But we lose in overtime. Our locker room is like a morgue afterward. It's the same feeling I had when SMU lost to Georgetown in the NCAA Tournament my junior year. We were up 10 or 11 then, and we thought the lead was insurmountable.

But we win the last three games on the home stand to go 24-17, and people are starting to notice. Our crowds are picking up, slowly but surely. Then I miss the team flight to Detroit. I left home an hour and 20 minutes before we were scheduled to leave, normally plenty of time, and get caught in traffic on Riverside Drive. I sit for 48 minutes. When I finally get on the interstate, it's 9:03 a.m. The flight's at 9:35. So I drive about 85 miles an hour and get to the airport at 9:28. As I run up to the gate, they're pushing the plane away. A woman asks me, "Are you Eddie Johnson?" I say no. She tells me Eddie's missed the plane, too. I think, "Thank God." Eddie and I fly up on a later plane—he tells me he just turned over and went back to sleep after hearing his alarm—and I get fined \$250 and kidded pretty hard. But after I tell him what happened, Mike isn't too mad. Good. I was scared.

FEBRUARY 1986

Over the All-Star break, 5-foot-6 Spud Webb wins the slam-dunk championship. I'm happy for him. Sometimes people ask how I feel about Spud, who's also a rookie, getting more attention than me, but I honestly don't mind. He's a totally different case, and he deserves everything he gets. Sure, I'd like to hear more about myself, but let's face it: Spud's an attraction. As for me, I use the All-Star break to rest.

Back at work, I play against Kareem Abdul-Jabbar for the first time, and my

first trip down the floor I don't know what to do. I mean, the guy's a legend. I've seen him play hundreds of times on TV. He was playing in the league when I was 6. And now I'm supposed to bump him, push him? A strange feeling.

We finish a nine-game trip 4-5, which isn't bad, and when I get home I get even better news. I pick Darlene up at the airport. She's been in Kansas City with her family while I was gone. She gets in the car and hands me a little package. I open it, and there are a pair of Air Jordan baby shoes and a slip from her doctor saying she's pregnant. I'm really excited. We've been trying to have a baby since we got married two summers ago. I go out and buy this giant teddy bear to put in the baby's crib.

We play the Lakers at the Omni and win. It's probably our biggest game of the season. Spud goes wild in the third quarter and does this awesome dunk over Michael Cooper. But it's odd. The arena was sold out for L.A., and when we play Cleveland at home two nights later, we draw only 6,000 or so. Atlanta is a strange sports town, and the Hawks have been the stepchild for a long time. I can feel it changing the more we win, but it still takes time.

The Cleveland game is Eddie Johnson's homecoming. We traded him to the Cavaliers for Johnny Davis three weeks ago, and it's awkward seeing Eddie now. He was a Hawk for 8½ years, but at the end, almost nobody on the team wanted to be around him. Eddie was nice to me, so I always got along with him fine, but I was in the minority. Guys thought he was using drugs again. (Ed. note: Johnson checked into a rehabilitation center over the summer.) Eddie was bitter, too. Tonight he hits a three-pointer to end a quarter and calls Mike a 12-letter word.

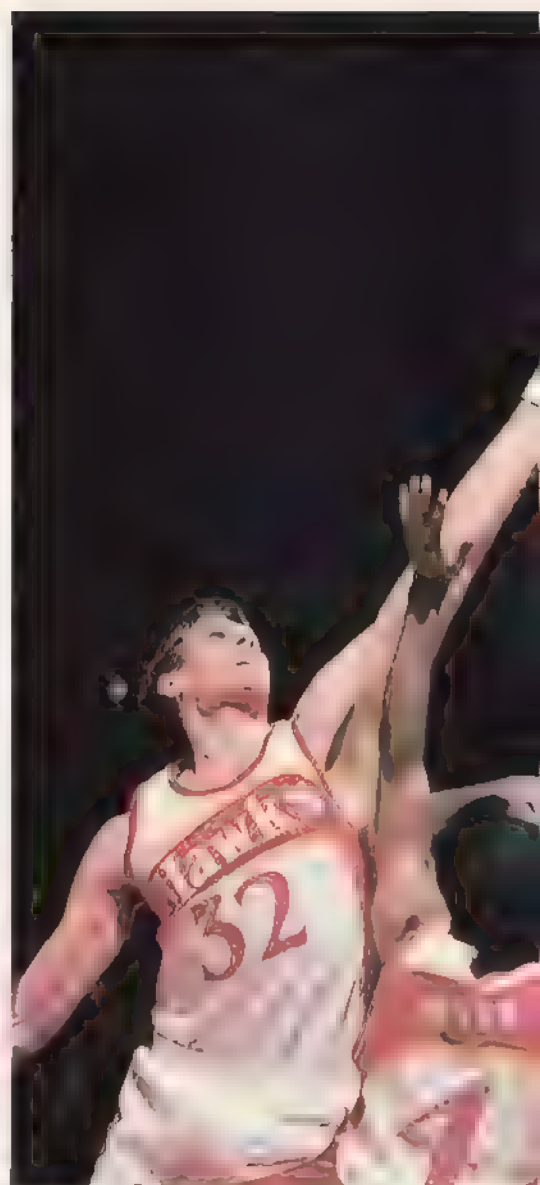
MARCH 1986

Whenever I'd ask who the strongest player in the league is, everybody would say, "Artis Gilmore." Everybody was right. He got 31 on Tree and me. Artis can post up anywhere. He doesn't have moves. He just knocks you over and dunks. He shoots nothing but dunks and closer.

We beat Philly twice in two days. I was credited with 15 points in the second game, but I actually had 17. I tip one in that they give to Dominique. That guy gets all the points. I also block a Charles Barkley dunk that ESPN picks as its defensive play of the week. After the game, Mike tells everybody, "We've really got a player now." Two nights later I block another dunk, this one by Sidney Green, that helps us win in Chicago.

Then we go home to play Milwaukee, and I barely stir off the bench. This is a typical rookie's week. There's no rhythm to it. One night you're a hero, another night a bum.

We go to Dallas late in the month, and it's like homecoming for me. Darlene goes, and Dave Bliss, my coach at SMU, and about 200 other people I know from college come to the game. I score eight



Rookies Jon Koncak and Spud Webb were two of the reasons Atlanta came to life last season.

points and play decently, and Spud, who was born in Dallas, has a big night and we win.

After the game, I meet a bunch of friends at a bar. I might've been in four bars all year. On off-nights on the road, a bunch of us might go to a movie. We're really not a wild bunch, and I'm certainly no wild guy. After a road game, I usually just eat dinner and call Darlene. We talk every day, and we try to hold our phone calls to 10 minutes. My roommate, John Battle, is different. We get a \$39 daily travel allowance, and he spends most of it on phone calls. He had one \$87 call. I tried to get his attention and remind him how long he'd been on the line, but he kept talking.

I think we're a pretty tight team. Now that Eddie's gone, everybody gets along with everybody. Early in the year, I hung around Scott Hastings and Randy Wittman a lot, but as the season goes on, I've started hanging with the other rooks—Spud and John Battle and Lorenzo



Charles. It's gotten to be a joke: Rooks hang with rooks, vets with vets. But we'll all walk around a mall together in the afternoon on the road, rooks and vets alike.

You want to hear about my three-point shot? It's my first this year. Probably my last, too. We're playing Cleveland in the Omni, and we're way behind with two minutes left. I get an offensive rebound about six feet from the hoop, and I ask myself, "Why not?" I dribble four times out to the perimeter, and when I turn around, I see Mark West has followed me—why, I don't know—and is in my face. But I shoot the three-pointer anyway, and I think, "Oh, God, please hit something." Well, it doesn't miss by more than six feet. People in the crowd start laughing. My wife tells me later that I came closer to hitting the other baseline than the rim. I definitely whiffed that one.

APRIL 1986

It's hard to believe how the games run together. One night you're sitting on the bench looking at the scoreboard, and the next thing you know, it's the next night and you're looking at the board again. But we're excited about the prospect of win-

ning 50 games and tying the franchise record, and Dominique is hot to win the scoring title.

We've got three games left, all at home. We beat Chicago even though Michael Jordan, another Olympic teammate, is back and playing great. To me, he's the best athlete in the league. Two nights later, 'Nique gets 57 points as we beat New Jersey. He's amazing. That pretty much clinches the title for him, and we're all happy. He deserves it. At the same time, we're all glad the race is over. Things had changed a little the last few games. We had to balance winning and getting 'Nique his points.

We get our 50 wins, beating Indiana to do it. Five months ago, I wouldn't have believed we could do it. We finished second in the Central Division, fourth in the Eastern Conference. We play Detroit in the playoffs, and Mike is working us like crazy. I'm worried that we might overprepare. We practice once Monday and watch film for three hours. We practice twice Tuesday, once more Wednesday. If I see one more film, I'll throw up. But Mike's worried that if we lose in the first round, we'll be considered a fluke.

Tree picks up two fouls in the first two minutes of Game 1, and I'm in early. My heart's racing. But everything goes right, and I mean everything. I don't miss a shot: I'm four-for-four from the field, 11-for-11 from the line. I get three three-point plays. We win by 18. Nobody can believe I made 11 straight foul shots, not even me. For the year, I shot 60.7 percent from the line, worst on the team. Willis Reed tells me, "Young man, I told you you could make 'em." Tree says, "Big white guys are supposed to make free throws." I'm really excited.

I do well in Game 2—10 points, eight rebounds—and we win big again. 'Nique gets 50, Randy Wittman 35. I even block two of Isiah Thomas' shots. We lose Game 3 at the Silverdome, but we win Game 4 in double overtime to take the series. Spud hits two foul shots with three seconds left to win it. About a minute before that, I'd sunk a couple of big free throws myself. I'd even prayed, "Please, Lord, just let me follow through." Afterward, I feel as good as I have all season. I know I've played well in the series, and I think I'm one of the reasons we won.

And it's personally satisfying to have helped put a lid on Bill Laimbeer. He's the Pistons' center, and after Game 3 he said, "I'll be eating lobster in Boston," like they were going to play the Celtics in the next round. Good prediction, Bill. But he's that kind of guy. He and I went back and forth the whole series, talking a little, bumping a lot. In Game 1, I wheeled on him, nudged him and rolled for a dunk. He went down like he was shot, trying to draw the charge. It was a classic flop, something he's known for. I read in *Sports Illustrated* that he flops all the time, so it must be true, right? Bill's season is over now, but we'll be sure to save him a lobster.

We fly from Detroit to Boston the next day. We're 0-6 against the Celtics, and it's

funny how little we're talking about beating Boston. Our minds are still on Detroit. To us, that series was a war, a Charles Bronson movie. We're tired, and I'm not sure we're ready for Boston.

We lose the first two games in the Boston Garden. I don't do anything. Kevin and I start yelling at each other on the court over who should guard whom, and Mike benches us both. I play 15 minutes in Game 1, 11 in Game 2. Mike gets so frustrated he finally puts Scott Hastings in at center, and Scottie leads a comeback in Game 2. But Larry Bird goes wild in the last two minutes and we lose. Larry Bird is the best player I've ever seen.

MAY 1986

It's over. We lose Game 3 at the Omni, win Game 4 to send the series back to Boston and get massacred in Game 5. We get outscored, 36-6, in the third period. I've never heard anything as loud as the Garden that quarter.

Ending it like this really hurts. I didn't score more than five points in any game against Boston. I started badly in the series, and the Celtics never let me get started. I really think their goal was to keep Spud and me from hurting them. They'd seen the Detroit series, and they knew we'd played well then. But Boston played me much tougher than Detroit. Seldom would I get the ball with nobody on me. They weren't sagging off me to double team 'Nique at all. I don't have much else to say.

JUNE 1986

I feel better now. Darlene and I are buying furniture for the new house we've bought, resodding the lawn, looking forward to the baby. I lift weights three times a week at a health club, and I'm going to start working with Willis Reed on post moves. I'm even going to rookie camp. Just trying to get better, folks.

I think I had a good year. I averaged 8.3 points, 5.7 rebounds and 20.7 minutes per game. I played enough to know I can play in this league. If I'd played on a bad team, I'm sure I'd have gotten 35 minutes a night, and if I'd have played that much, I'd have been good for 16 points and 10 rebounds a game. I know that. Not saying I'm Kevin McHale, but I can do a lot of the things McHale does.

Still, I guess I always figured I'd be starting regularly by the end of the season, and the only times I started this year were when Tree was hurt. If I'm going to be the Hawks' center of the future, I can't let what happened to me against Boston keep happening. I can't let teams spray disappearing mist on me and make me vanish. I can't play like a rookie any longer.

Something Larry Bird said after the Celtics won the title really made an impression on me. He said, "Summer's the time I get ahead of everybody else." I hope he's right. ■

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TSN's Selections

Atlantic Division

1986-87

Prediction

1. Boston
2. Philadelphia
3. Washington
4. New Jersey
5. New York

1985-86

Standings

1. Boston (67-15)
2. Philadelphia (54-28)
3. Washington (39-43)
- New Jersey (39-43)
5. New York (23-59)

Central Division

1986-87

Prediction

1. Milwaukee
2. Atlanta
3. Detroit
4. Cleveland
5. Indiana
6. Chicago

1985-86

Standings

1. Milwaukee (57-25)
2. Atlanta (50-32)
3. Detroit (46-36)
4. Chicago (30-52)
5. Cleveland (29-53)
6. Indiana (26-56)

A Little Bit Of Heaven

Spud Webb Finds His Niche In the Land of the Giants

By JEFF DENBERG

Spud Over America, the Atlanta Hawks called it.

With one quick series of lightning thrusts on a February Saturday afternoon in Dallas, Spud Webb crackled into the nation's consciousness, a new freak for a sporting public that in the past year had taken a heavyweight (the Chicago Bears' William Perry) and a willowy Sudanese basketball giant (Manute Bol) to its bosom.

After lifting his boyish face and body to extraordinary heights of derring-do, Spud Webb took a quantum leap in status from object of curiosity to national hero. And at the same time he proved to so many audiences on so many nights that he can play

big-league basketball, averaging 10.6 points, 6.4 assists and 2.1 rebounds while working 19.4 minutes per night over the final 32 games of the 1985-86 National Basketball Association season. During that stretch Atlanta's little big man hit 49 percent of his field goal attempts and 80 percent of his free throws.

In honor of Webb's nightly contributions and growing popularity, Hawks Vice President and General Manager Stan Kasten conceived an idea for a T-shirt that would read: "Spud Webb, he's a player."

During the weeks following his astonishing triumph in the NBA's slam-dunk contest, Webb underwent a sometimes-

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A collection of decorated cookies, likely for a school event. The cookies are shaped like various items and feature different designs. Some have text like "Toots", "Sluggo", "Coke", and "Nebraska". Others have small figures or patterns. The cookies are arranged on a dark surface, possibly a table covered with a dark cloth.

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Webb

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painful transition from private person to public domain.

Among other things he:

- Signed a \$250,000 contract with Pony shoes.

- Witnessed the retirement of his Wilmer-Hutchins High School jersey. ("It's this big," said Hawks teammate Dominique Wilkins, holding his thumb and forefinger an inch apart. Wilkins attended the ceremony in Dallas after losing his slam-dunk title to Webb).

- Had preliminary talks with two national soft-drink companies and had a basketball marketed under his name.

- Learned that Disney studios is interested in his life story.

Then he had his cover blown. The world learned that Spud Webb, self-advertised at 5-foot-7, cheats on his height.

"Spud is actually 5-5½," says agent Bill Blakely, who as coach (now retired) of North Texas State once recruited the little guy from Dallas. "He just likes being 5-7. He was 5-5½ when he went to (Midland, Tex.) junior college and he was 5-5½ when he went off to N.C. State. He was 5-7 when he got there. I asked him how that happened and he said they never really measured him. He just picked 5-7."

"Him being 5-5½ is really an even better story, but he says, no, he likes 5-7, so that's what he gets."

Wat Misaka (New York, three games, 1947-48), Red Klotz (Baltimore, 11 games, same season) and Monte Towe (Denver, 51 games, 1976-77) all were listed at 5-7 and 150 or more pounds. It is questionable whether the 135-pound Webb, whether 5-7 or 5-5½, is the smallest man ever to play in the NBA. But there's no denying he's the smallest player ever to make as significant a contribution as he did last season in sparking the Hawks to 50 regular-season victories and a first-round playoff victory over Detroit, the team that selected him in the 1985 draft, then tossed him back before training camp. Too small, they said.

Spudmania. How does anyone improve on the story of Spud Webb, the son of grocery store proprietors who is donating a share of his Pony deal to the Boys Club because that was his one outlet for sports until his senior year at Wilmer-Hutchins High.

"People used to go to the coach and say, 'why have you got him on the team? He's so small.' He was afraid people would laugh at him. I think that's why he only let me play one year," Webb said.

Webb's first dunk came on a playground where he played against friends a foot taller, never backing off from the challenge.

His first official dunk came at Midland, where teams that he played for went 65-8, winning a national junior college title in 1982. A year later he was signed to play at North Carolina State by assistant Tommy Abatemarco, sight unseen by Coach Jim Valvano, who remembers:



Spud Webb looks out of place among the NBA giants, until he steps onto the court.

"We went to the airport to pick him up. People get off the plane. I tell Tommy, 'He's not here.' Then this little kid comes down. I say to Tommy, 'If that's Spud Webb, you're fired.'"

Everybody seems to enjoy having fun with Webb.

Kasten once suggested that the Hawks change his number from 4 to 4, "because he isn't big enough to have a whole number all to himself." Kasten later staged a postage stamp night for Webb because he is too small for his own poster.

Jane Moe, wife of Denver Coach Doug Moe, won a pair of Webb's size-7 basketball shoes at a charity auction and wore them home.

Tree Rollins wanted Webb to wear a cape bearing an "S" (for Spud) in the slam-dunk contest and Wilkins begged him to run up a ladder on his first dunk.

An acquaintance commented on the proliferation of women who are drawn to Webb and he grinned and said, "Yeah, and if any of them were over 16 I could go out on dates."

Pony spokesman Jerry Nueburger prefers to look at his client in a serious vein. "The big thing for us is the way Spud appears to the average youngster or adult," he said. "Most kids playing sports by the age of 12 or so know they're not going to be 6-foot-8 or 6-9. So, when we have a guy who performs like a 6-9 superstar when he is just a 5-7 person, it creates a new appreciation. When somebody performs like Dominique Wilkins and Michael Jordan and is a foot shorter, I think it means a great deal more to the average person who buys sporting goods."

No one anticipated a minature Michael Jordan last fall. Webb's appearance as a training camp free agent came out of dire necessity. With one point guard injured (Doc Rivers, cracked wrist) and another unsigned (Eddie Johnson), Hawks Coach Mike Fratello had no one who could push the ball in practice for a team

that must run. Webb had showed that he could indeed run while playing summer ball with the Rhode Island Gulls of the now-defunct United States Basketball League.

"It's his first step," Indiana guard Clint Richardson said after going against him. "He's so fast. I think his size is an asset in that respect. He's so quick you can't get down there and try to catch him."

"The fastest guy I've ever seen under control," said teammate Randy Wittman.

But there was very little thought given to Webb making the team, especially after a wayward scrimmage elbow caught him on the upper lip and required 40 stitches just four days before Atlanta's first exhibition game.

At first mistaken by the Knicks for a ball boy, Webb drove so furiously at them that first day that observers were forced to admit, grudgingly, that he might be able to sit at the end of the bench for some NBA team.

But he was a smash hit throughout the exhibitions. He raised eyebrows one night when he goaltended a World Free jumper in Chattanooga, Tenn., and another night brought a Pensacola, Fla., crowd to its feet with a reverse two-hand dunk. A friend warned Fratello, "Don't let Atlanta see him if you're planning to waive him."

He was Jumping Jack Flash when he hit the NBA and Fratello never wavered. He was, after all, the one player he could look straight in the eye.

"I was wrong about Spud," said Kasten, who wanted to waive him and keep Ray Williams at the guarantee deadline in early December.

"He had a significant role in a lot of our victories," Fratello said. "A lot of nights he had the crowd in the palm of his hands."

In November, Webb dazzled and contributed the telling blows in a victory over Philadelphia. Later, he had 23 points, 13 assists and a flying fast-break dunk over Magic Johnson in a victory against the Lakers. He had two dunks, 18 points and 10 assists off the bench to turn a sellout Dallas crowd into his personal cheering section. His 21 points, 12 assists, and six rebounds engineered a playoff victory over the Celtics—the only Atlanta triumph against Boston in 10 regular-season and playoff games. "He's been killing us," Celtics guard Danny Ainge said.

But he saved his best moments for the Pistons, who questioned his outside shot when they cut him and exploited his unwillingness to use it during the regular season.

"If Spud can steal a game for them we're in trouble," said assistant coach Dick Harter on the eve of the 1986 playoffs. Webb "stole" two games in Atlanta with breathtaking performances totalling 37 points and 23 assists and then finished the Pistons by sinking two free throws at the end of a second overtime in Game 4 to oust them from the playoffs.

It was a fitting conclusion to the beginning of a legend ■

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'Old' Celtics Have the Manpower To Defend NBA Championship

By MIKE CAREY

One day they were celebrating. The next day they were trying to pick up the pieces of several broken dreams.

The Boston Celtics, reigning National Basketball Association champions, were in a jovial mood on June 17 after fulfilling their wildest fantasy with the second selection in the NBA draft. Their choice, Maryland forward Len Bias, was a potential superstar, a player who could make a substantial contribution as a rookie and, perhaps, carry Boston even beyond the Larry Bird era.

Less than 48 hours later, however, the Celtics were disconsolate. Bias, at age 22, had suffered a fatal heart attack caused, it later was determined, by cocaine use.

The initial reaction was shock and disbelief. Bird referred to Bias' death as "the cruelest thing I ever heard."

As facts surrounding the tragedy became known, the Celtics front office searched for answers about how this possibly could have happened to a young man who was on the verge of fulfilling his dream. But there were no logical explanations.

As Boston President Red Auerbach said, "Drugs must be an overwhelming force. I can't figure out why a person would throw away everything by using drugs. I can't comprehend why Len Bias, with all he had going for him, would even think about it. After this, nothing will ever surprise me in life."

Bias' death left the NBA's most-successful franchise to defend its title with the same cast that ran roughshod over the rest of the league in 1985-86. Still, there are two major concerns—age and the fact that no team has won back-to-back titles in 17 years.

"I guess the saying, 'If it isn't broken, don't fix it,' may apply to us," said Celtics Executive Vice President and General Manager Jan Volk. "Our age has to be a concern because it's a fact that the older you get, the more vulnerable you are to injuries."

"At the same time, there's no reason to be overly worried about injuries. We're healthy right now and we also have excellent depth. With the personnel we have, I think we have an excellent chance of repeating."

Bird will turn 30 in December, a good example of why the Celtics are getting antsy. By midseason, six of Boston's eight top players will be at least 30—Bird, Robert Parish (33), Dennis Johnson (32), Bill Walton (34), Scott Wedman (34) and Jerry Sichting (30).

"Age is only a liability if there are a lot of injuries," said power forward Kevin McHale, who will turn 29 in December. "Fortunately, our older players are always in excellent condition. We can make



Bill Walton stayed healthy last season and was an invaluable cog in Boston's drive to the NBA championship.

age work for us because of the way we use our experience."

"It's funny," said guard Danny Ainge, who is only 27. "Only three months have gone by since we won the championship, and during that time we've suddenly gone

from being an experienced, winning team to being over the hill. At least that's how the media is starting to portray us."

As usual, the Celtics' offense will revolve around size and consistent front-court scoring. The starting unit of Bird, McHale and Parish combined to average 63.2 points and 27.4 rebounds per game last season.

Bird, who will be gunning for a record fourth straight Most Valuable Player award, overwhelmed opponents for most of the season. The 6-foot-9 small forward finished in the NBA's top 10 in five statistical categories—scoring (25.8 points per game), rebounding (9.8), three-point field

VETERAN ROSTER

| No. | Name | Pos. | College |
|-----|----------------|------|--------------------|
| 44 | Danny Ainge | G | Brigham Young '81 |
| 33 | Larry Bird | F | Indiana State '79 |
| 34 | Rick Carlisle | G | Virginia '84 |
| 3 | Dennis Johnson | G | Pepperdine '76 |
| 50 | Greg Kite | C | Brigham Young '83 |
| 32 | Kevin McHale | F | Minnesota '80 |
| 00 | Robert Parish | C | Centenary '76 |
| 12 | Jerry Sichting | G | Purdue '79 |
| 45 | David Thrdkill | G | Bradley '82 |
| 11 | Sam Vincent | C | Michigan State '85 |
| 5 | Bill Walton | G | UCLA '74 |
| 8 | Scott Wedman | F | Colorado '74 |

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goal percentage (.423), free throw percentage (a league-leading .896) and steals (2.02)

"And," said Celtics Coach K.C. Jones, whose teams have won 62 or more games for three consecutive seasons, "that doesn't tell the whole story. It doesn't show his hustle, his willingness to sacrifice, his performance in the clutch, his leadership. Put them in there along with stats and you have a better idea of what Larry's value is."

On those rare occasions when Bird struggled last season, the Celtics looked inside to McHale, who used his spin moves and fadeaway jumper to shoot better than 57 percent from the floor. But McHale's value goes beyond his enormous offensive talents. He has proven to be Boston's stopper at the other end of the court. During the playoffs he held Chicago's Orlando Woolridge, Atlanta's Dominique Wilkins and Milwaukee's Terry Cummings all below 41 percent accuracy.

Parish is Boston's silent man. "Robert is unselfish. He doesn't want to take 15 shots a game," said Jones. "As long as we win and his teammates appreciate his efforts, he's satisfied." Still, Parish shot 55 percent from the floor and averaged 9.5 rebounds.

But the catalyst for the Celtics last sea-

son was Walton, who, joked McHale, was "an old, lame racehorse who should have been put out to pasture several years ago."

Walton, in fact, played in all but two games last season and looked more like a frisky colt than an old-timer on his last legs. While averaging 19.3 minutes per game, Walton contributed 6.8 rebounds, 2.1 assists, 1.33 blocked shots and 7.6 points on 56 percent shooting. He was rewarded for his efforts by being voted the NBA's Sixth Man Award.

"No question about it, the key for us will be whether Bill can stay healthy," said Bird, who has referred to Walton as a walking time bomb. "He can come off the bench and play either center or power forward. We need his rebounding and passing for our fast break to be effective. As long as we can get 15 or 20 minutes a game from him, we're going to be in good shape."

Given the advancing age of both Parish and Walton, Jones plans to increase the playing time of third-year center Greg Kite.

When Bird or McHale need a rest, Jones will look to Wedman for outside shooting and aggressive defense. The 6-8 reserve forward averaged eight points

last season, even though he played less than 18 minutes per game.

The final forward spot on the roster is open, with David Thirdkill, who saw limiting playing time last season the leading candidate.

The starting backcourt will remain Dennis Johnson and Danny Ainge, with both coming off exceptional years.

Johnson averaged 15.6 points, 5.8 assists and 1.4 steals. Ainge used his 18-foot jumpers to keep the opposing defenses honest. He averaged 10.7 points during the season while shooting at a .504 clip and then blossomed in the playoffs, averaging 15.6 points on 55 percent accuracy while also leading all players in steals at 2.28 per game.

The third guard spot will belong to Jerry Sichting, who, like Ainge, prevented opponents from double-teaming the Celtics inside men by hitting perimeter jumpers. During the regular season, the 6-1 point guard finished second on the team with 57 percent shooting.

Rick Carlisle, who frequently was paired with Sichting, and Sam Vincent, Boston's first-round 1985 draft pick, will split the remaining backcourt time ■

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Moses Is Gone, but 76ers Eye Return to the Promised Land

By PHIL JASNER

The Moses Malone era is history. The Philadelphia 76ers are Matty Guokas' team now.

The shards of shrapnel were scattered all over the East when the 76ers sent Malone, the 6-foot-10 center who lifted them to the 1983 National Basketball Association championship, to Washington.

In fact, the 76ers lobbed one off-season grenade after another. And when the smoke had cleared, gone were Malone, forward Terry Catledge, the team's first pick in the 1985 draft, and two other first-round choices. The 76ers carefully replaced those pieces with center Jeff Ruland and forward Cliff Robinson (from the Bullets), forward Roy Hinson (from Cleveland) and guard David Wingate (from the second round of the draft, via Georgetown).

The 76ers also struggled through nearly two months of controversial negotiations before agreeing to a new one-year deal with 36-year-old Julius Erving, allowing the legendary Doctor J to carry his professional career into a 16th season.

If Guokas, the second-year coach, is correct, the 76ers will emerge as a unit assembled on five-man concepts, better constructed for both the immediate challenge and the more foreboding long haul. This is suddenly a team that, so predictable during Malone's reign, is now too new to be accurately assessed.

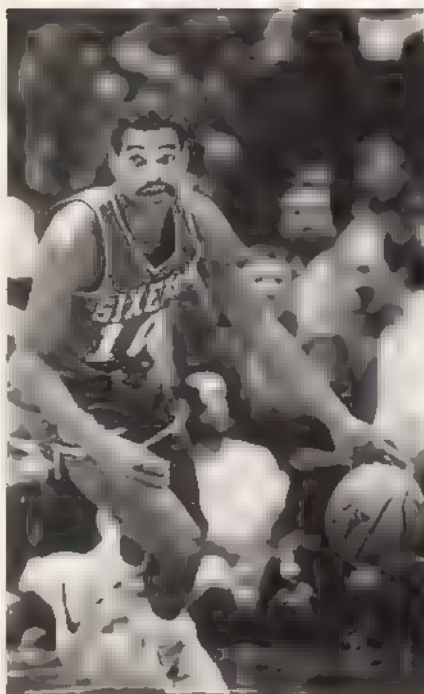
So far, the 76ers, who lost to Milwaukee by one point last season in the seventh game of an Eastern Conference semifinal playoff series, are merely different.

"The bottom line, as always, will be whether we win," said Charles Barkley, the 6-6 gemstone forward who averaged 20 points and 12.8 rebounds, establishing the foundation for what inevitably will become All-Pro credentials. "That's the way the game is. If we're successful, then everybody will love Mr. (Owner Harold) Katz."

"Our goal," Katz said, "is first to win the Eastern Division, then the whole thing. We're looking for the whole ball of wax."

One thing has become clear. Guokas, who succeeded tight-lipped, ashen-faced Billy Cunningham, has been allowed to place his personal stamp on the franchise. Guokas played in the league for 10 years, transforming guile and knowledge into weaponry, and now he is drawing blueprints for a team with an excellent passing center (Ruland), one of the sport's best pure lead guards (Maurice Cheeks), fast-break flyers (Barkley, Hinson, Robinson, Erving), and an active, aggressive defense.

"Matty got exactly what he wanted," said Pat Williams, the former general manager now working for an Orlando, Fla., group attempting to obtain an expansion franchise. "He wanted the deals so



Guard Maurice Cheeks will be an integral part of the 76ers' faster-paced offense.

badly, he could taste them."

Guokas, however, knows the limits. He sees the sport through the eyes of a purist, where hitting the open man, setting effective screens and following prescribed options aren't merely rules, they're commandments.

"I want us to be the 76ers, not my team, or one guy's team," he said. "Whatever we do, we need to do it together. We've changed, but one thing that remains the same is we have a lot of talent. I like change when it's called for. I've always believed, if things need to be shaped up, you do it."

He has no illusions while examining the potential of the Atlantic Division, where defending-champion Boston has won two of the last three league titles, where battered and limping New York could swiftly become a power, where Washington, with Malone, could become the league's most

improved team.

"Whatever we've done, we're still behind Boston," Guokas said. "They won it all and have certainly done nothing to weaken themselves. If you look at teams in the East like Milwaukee, Atlanta, Detroit and maybe even Chicago with a healthy Michael Jordan, we're right with them."

"I want to see us creating as much tempo from our defense as possible, because we're still strong in the open court. I want us to take advantage of our ability on the defensive boards, to outlet the ball, get as many easy buckets as possible. And when we have to set up in a half-court offense, we have plenty of guys to go to. We won't be nearly as predictable, and it'll mean Maurice (the league leader in minutes played) will be more active than ever."

The 76ers, however, still don't have a 7-footer to anchor the middle and there are lingering questions about the comeback of Andrew Toney, the once-superlative off-guard who made just six appearances last season because of foot injuries and what was perceived as a deteriorating relationship with Katz. Ironically, selfless forward Bobby Jones retired just as the team seemed prepared to play to his strengths.

"Any time there's change, it's unsettling at first," Guokas said. "There's going to be some apprehension, and if there is negative reaction among fans, it's not totally unexpected. You'll always have doubters, people who wonder why these things happen, and we won't really be able to answer them until we get on the floor and start playing."

Weaknesses?

"Guard depth could be one," said Guokas, uncomfortable during the summer as he watched Cheeks, Erving, Sedale Threatt and Perry Moss test the free-agent market. "But what concerns me most is the blending process. We'll have several new players, others in new roles, and everybody will have to give of themselves. It'll come together more quickly on offense, because defense requires even more teamwork."

And Guokas won't get tangled in positional designations.

"You hear about strong forwards, weak forwards, off-guards," he said. "Well, I can foresee times when we'll have four forwards and a guard on the court, or maybe three forwards, a center and a guard. I can see Hinson playing center on offense, Barkley guarding the other team's center, or even Barkley going out to play the other team's big guard defensively. And I like all those possibilities, because it'll mean the other team adjusting to us, trying to deal with our versatility, instead of the other way around." ■

Phil Jasner covers the Philadelphia 76ers for the Philadelphia Daily News.

VETERAN ROSTER

| No. | Name | Pos. | College |
|-----|-------------------|------|--------------------|
| 34 | Charles Barkley.. | F | Auburn '85 |
| 10 | Maurice Cheeks | G | West Texas St '78 |
| 6 | Julius Erving | F | Massachusetts '72 |
| 25 | Kenny Green | G | Wake Forest '86 |
| | Roy Hinson | F | Rutgers '83 |
| 45 | Cannon Johnson | C | Florida A&M '78 |
| 9 | Perry Moss | G | Northeastern '82 |
| | Cliff Robinson | F | Southern Cal '81 |
| | Jeff Ruland | C-F | Iona '81 |
| 3 | Sedale Threatt | G | W Va Tech '83 |
| 22 | Andrew Toney | G | S.W. Louisiana '80 |
| | Michael Young | F | Houston '84 |

TOP DRAFTEES

| Rd. | Name | Pick | Pos. | College |
|-----|---------------|------|------|------------|
| 2 | David Wingate | 44 | F | Georgetown |
| 3 | Ron Rowan | 67 | G | St. John's |

Bullets Appear to Be Ready To Challenge 76ers, Celtics

By ANTHONY COTTON

Like every other team in the National Basketball Association's Atlantic Division (with the exception of the Boston Celtics), the success of the Washington Bullets will depend on finding some satisfactory answers to a number of perplexing questions.

The team appeared to score a major draft-day coup by acquiring center Moses Malone, forward Terry Catledge and a pair of future No. 1 draft picks from the Philadelphia 76ers for Jeff Ruland and Cliff Robinson. Malone, however, is 31 years old—a very old 31, say the 76ers—and missed last season's final 13 regular-season games and the playoffs because of a broken bone beneath his right eye. The nine-time all-star will sport goggles this season to protect the eye, which still has not completely healed.

Malone, who averaged 23.8 points and 11.8 rebounds last season, says the eye won't be a problem, particularly when the Bullets play the 76ers.

"Everything's gonna be great," Malone said. "I'm lookin' forward to playing with the Bullets, they're a great organization with great people. They didn't have that in Philadelphia. People like Doctor J and Maurice Cheeks shouldn't have to go through the things that are happening there...."

"They (the 76ers) think I'm old, but I'm gonna play great and I think I can play until I'm 37 or 38."

There are some people, however, who doubt whether Catledge, a second-year man who scored 27 points in the deciding first-round playoff game between Philadelphia and Washington, can put those kinds of numbers on the board consistently. Catledge, who averaged only 7.7 points in his rookie campaign, has been penciled in as a starter next to Malone with 7-foot-6 Manute Bol ready as a backup.

Bol, a native of Sudan, set a league record for blocked shots by a rookie last season with 397 while averaging only 3.7 points. He worked hard during the off-season to add 20 pounds to his long, lanky frame, but still appears to be the skinniest player this side of the Atlantic.

"I'm looking forward to playing with Moses," said the new-look, 225-pound Bol, who did, however, express reservations about what Malone's presence could do to his playing time. "It doesn't matter who starts because the game is the same when you come off the bench and the team is winning."

"I've worked very hard this summer and I think I would be mad if I did all this work and then I didn't play at all."

Bullets' officials would love to give Bol some of the baby fat from the body of rookie John Williams. Though the 12th pick overall in last June's draft stands 10



High-scoring guard Jeff Malone has become an important cog in Washington's offensive machine.

VETERAN ROSTER

| No. | Name | Pos. | College |
|-----|----------------|------|----------------------|
| — | Michael Adams | G | Boston College '85 |
| 10 | Manute Bol | C | Bridgeport '88 |
| 22 | Dudley Bradley | C | North Carolina '79 |
| 23 | Terry Catledge | F | South Alabama '85 |
| — | Darwin Cook | G | Portland '80 |
| 25 | Darren Daye | F | UCLA '83 |
| 15 | Frank Johnson | G | Wake Forest '81 |
| 23 | Charles Jones | F-C | Albany St. (Ga.) '79 |
| 24 | Jeff Malone | G | Mississippi St. '83 |
| 4 | Moses Malone | C | Petersburg HS '74 |
| — | Jay Murphy | F | Boston College '84 |
| 5 | Dan Roundfield | F | Central Michigan '75 |
| — | Jay Vincent | F | Michigan State '81 |
| — | Ennis Whatley | F | Alabama '85 |
| 1 | Gus Williams | G | Southern Cal '75 |
| 32 | Leon Wood | G | Fullerton State '84 |

TOP DRAFTEES

| Rd. | Name | Pick | Pos. | College |
|-----|-----------------|------|------|-----------------|
| 1 | John Williams | 12 | F | Louisiana State |
| 1 | Anthony Jones | 21 | F | Nevada-L.V. |
| 2 | Steve Mitchell | 36 | G | Alabama-Birm. |
| 3 | David Henderson | 58 | F | Duke |

inches shorter than Bol, he weighs considerably more. Williams left Louisiana State after just two seasons but was one of the most highly regarded players to be picked. Washington Coach Kevin Loughery thinks the 6-7 Williams has the tools to play point guard, à la Magic Johnson, but not immediately. Right now he'd settle for a Marques Johnson-like small forward.

Jay Vincent, a five-year NBA veteran acquired from Dallas in the off-season, also figures to strengthen the Bullets' frontcourt.

The guard positions are well fortified. Loughery will be looking over at least six players with NBA experience, along with Nevada-Las Vegas' Anthony Jones, a former prep star at Washington's Dunbar High School and the Bullets' second selection in the first round of the draft. Another rookie who will be given a chance is third-round pick David Henderson of Duke, who performed well in summer-league play.

The Bullets added to their guard depth on draft day when they acquired Darwin Cook from the New Jersey Nets for merely promising not to take Syracuse guard Pearl Washington, whom they had no intention of selecting anyway.

It's hard to imagine Cook starting in front of either Gus Williams or Frank Johnson at point guard. Both were free agents at the end of the 1985-86 season, however, and probably only one of them will return. Williams, the high-scoring former Seattle veteran, enjoyed a resurgence last season after Loughery was hired to replace Gene Shue with 13 regular-season games left and finished with a 13.5-point average. Johnson is coming off an injury to his left foot that has limited him to 60 games in the past two seasons.

Another contender for the point guard spot is Leon Wood, an earlier acquisition from the 76ers.

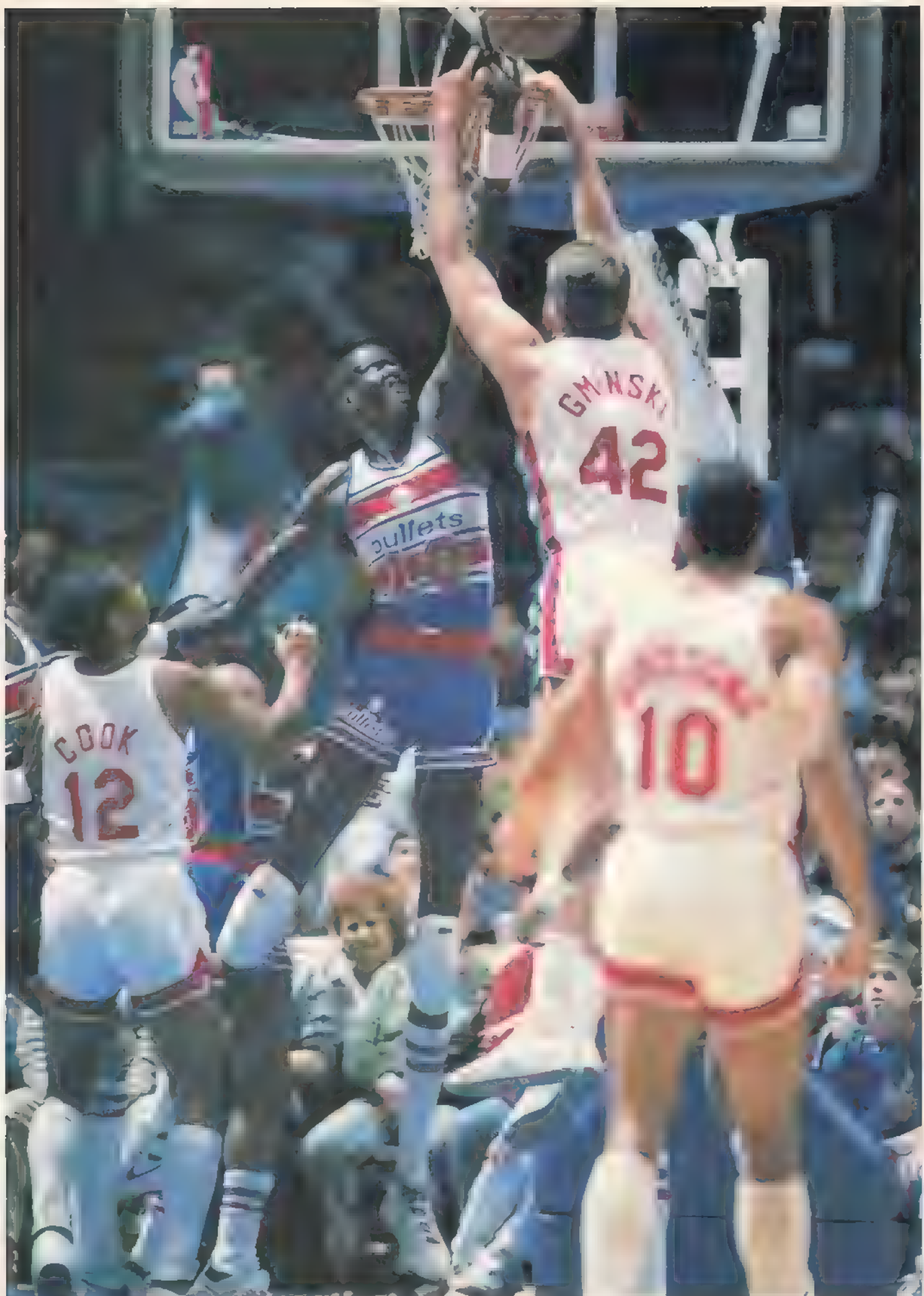
"People like David Henderson had some success in the summer," Loughery said, "but you never know what a young player will do. It's tough to turn away from a veteran like Gus Williams or Dudley Bradley. That's why Frank Johnson is such a key for us. If he can come back, it'll give us great talent and depth at guard."

There's no doubt about who will handle the other guard position. Jeff Malone, the 6-4 sharpshooter from Mississippi State, reached all-star status last season, leading the Bullets with a 22.4-point average.

Overall, the talent is there for the Bullets to challenge Philadelphia for second place behind Boston. And if Moses Malone can reach past heights and Jeff Malone's star continues to rise, who knows what could happen?

It should be an interesting season in Washington. ■

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Washington's Manute Bol, who led the NBA in blocked shots last season, has firmed up his tall, skinny frame.

The Future Is Now for Nets, Rookie Guard Pearl Washington

By MIKE WEBER

When Dave Wohl said Dwayne (Pearl) Washington is "the point guard of the future with this team," the New York Nets second-year coach should have added, "and the future is now."

Wohl was referring to his team's first-round choice in the 1986 National Basketball Association draft. Washington was just what the doctor ordered for the ailing Nets backcourt and the 6-foot-2 point guard from Syracuse has been handed a starting job without ever making a professional pass.

When Micheal Ray Richardson failed to resolve his drug problems and was banned from the NBA last season, the Nets were left dazed and leaderless. Veterans Kelvin Ransey and Darwin Cook were given chances to run the team's offense, but both failed.

"Their talents are better suited to back-up duty," said Wohl. "They both played well in that capacity. That's not a knock on their ability. But when they started, it exposed some of their weaknesses."

Thus, Wohl is turning his offense over to a 22-year-old basketball wizard. When Washington chose to leave Syracuse after his junior season, the Nets set their sights and zeroed in on the youngster they believed possessed the ability to lead a quick-stepping offense.

"We are asking an enormous amount of him," said Wohl. "Not a lot of guards, except Isiah Thomas and Magic Johnson, step right in as a rookie and run a team and make everyone better on that team. To learn the position usually takes two or three years. I think he may be an exception."

He'd better be because the Nets don't have two or three years to wait. New Jersey was a young, enthusiastic team a few short years ago when it upset defending-champion Philadelphia in the 1984 playoffs. But the 1986-87 Nets look old, uncertain and fragile, both mentally and physically.

Richardson's troubles were just the tip of the 1985-86 iceberg. For the second straight season, 29-year-old center Darryl Dawkins saw limited playing time. The 6-11, 11-year veteran has been fighting back problems that limited him to 39 games in 1984-85 and 51 last year.

Other problems that concern Wohl are the inconsistency of 27-year-old forward Albert King, a five-year pro, lack of confidence in veteran forward Mike O'Koren, the absence of quality backups for starting center Mike Gminski and power forward Buck Williams, and a general lack of team confidence and motivation.

But the biggest problem was point guard and that's where Washington fits in. Ready or not, here he comes.

"I've always been a leader," said Wash-



Power forward Buck Williams should benefit from the addition of Syracuse guard Pearl Washington.

ington. "In high school I was a leader, in college I was the one the other guys looked up to. I hope that will continue. I don't think a rookie guard can come in and make that much of an impact but I have a lot of confidence in myself."

The Nets are counting on that confidence to carry Washington through a learn-as-you-go rookie season. Richardson's strength was his belief that no one could stop him. If a pass had to be made, he'd make it. If a late-game shot had to be taken, he'd usually make it. Neither Ransey nor Cook (since traded to the Washington Bullets), possessed that kind of brazen self-confidence.

The Nets were 23-14 when Richardson was banned from the league. They finished 39-43. After he left, there was no one to back down a defender and coolly toss up a potential game-winning shot. There was no one to penetrate and dish off to Gminski or Williams. There was no one to

launch a three-point rocket with the outcome on the line.

The Nets are hoping Washington can meet those specifications.

He set a school career assists record (637) in his three seasons at Syracuse—while averaging 15.7 points per game and shooting .526 from the field. He gets a little wild at times, but Wohl likes the free-wheeling part of his game. He won't have to teach Washington how to lead a fast-break attack, only how to do it under control.

"I think Pearl's type of game will make Darryl, Buck and 'G' more effective," Wohl said. "He'll get the ball to them. There's a certain character and flair to him."

There also are a few knocks. The biggest is that he occasionally loses concentration. If his mind could wander during a 30-game collegiate season, what might happen over the 82-game NBA grind?

"That's a valid criticism of him," said Wohl. "I think he got bored a little with the college game, bored with the competition. By and large he played against few guards who were his equal. In the pros, though, if he doesn't play hard, he'll get embarrassed."

Washington should be paired in the backcourt with Otis Birdsong, who averaged 15.8 points per game last season. Williams, who averaged 15.9 points and 12 rebounds, will play power forward with King (14.3 points) on the other side. Gminski (16.5 points, 8.5 rebounds) will start at center with Dawkins waiting in reserve, health permitting.

Ransey will be available for guard duty with O'Koren and veteran James Bailey filling in at forward.

Wohl believes that success in the 1986-87 season will require more consistency and emotion from his players and a bigger commitment to the work ethic.

"At some point," he said, "they all had that (heart). Some things have changed. You make a lot of money, it gets easier to make excuses. Somewhere along the line, they feel they don't have to work as hard."

"I don't know how long it will take but we will be known as a team that plays hard every night. I'm not going to be the coach of a team that doesn't come to play every night."

Washington believes that his infectious spirit—as well as his ability—will put some zest back in the Nets.

"If I have to be flashy for us to win, I'll do it," he said. "If they want a leader, I'll try to be that, too. I don't mean that I'll be a guy who comes in and says, 'OK, I'm the boss.' They don't need that. They just need someone to produce."

"I'm confident, not cocky. I'll do whatever they want. I guess what I'm trying to say is that I'm prepared, I'm ready." ■

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VETERAN ROSTER

| No. | Name | Pos. | College |
|-----|----------------|------|--------------------|
| 20 | James Bailey | F | Rutgers '79 |
| 10 | Otis Birdsong | G | Houston '77 |
| 53 | Darryl Dawkins | C | Orlando HS '75 |
| 42 | Mike Gminski | C | Duke '80 |
| 55 | Albert King | F | Maryland '81 |
| 31 | Mike O'Koren | F | North Carolina '80 |
| 14 | Kelvin Ransey | G | Ohio State '80 |
| 35 | Jeff Turner | F | Vanderbilt '84 |
| 52 | Buck Williams | F | Maryland '82 |
| 13 | Ray Williams | G | Minnesota '77 |

TOP DRAFTEE

| Rd. | Name | Pick | Pos. | College |
|-----|------------------|------|------|----------|
| 1 | Pearl Washington | 13 | G | Syracuse |

Cartwright, King Comebacks Are Key to Knicks' Success

By KEVIN KERNAN

The ghosts of seasons past hang defiantly over Madison Square Garden as the New York Knicks struggle to free themselves from a losing time warp.

Though Patrick Ewing has a year under his massive belt and help is arriving in the form of Kentucky forward Kenny Walker, immediate success hinges on the fragile comebacks of forward Bernard King and center Bill Cartwright.

"We have the cornerstone in Ewing," said Knicks Vice President and General Manager Scotty Stirling, "but how the other pieces fit together depends on those two ifs. There is no escaping that whatever this team is or whatever this team becomes still depends on whether King and Cartwright are healthy. I hate to keep saying that, but that's where we are."

Where they've been is mired in a dreadful slump. The 1985-86 Knicks won just 23 games, their worst mark in 22 years. That disaster came on the heels of the early-season optimism created by the drafting of Ewing. But even the presence of the former Georgetown big man couldn't keep the Knicks from losing one more game than the previous season while extending their lost games due to injury to an incredible 725.

Cartwright played just two games last season before breaking his left foot for the fourth time. The Knicks are hoping that a last-resort bone graft will enable Hubie Brown to realize his Twin-Tower dream of pairing Cartwright and Ewing in the same frontcourt.

King has not played a game since tearing up his right knee in March 1985. Many observers doubt that he ever will be the unstoppable player he was in 1984-85 when he led the National Basketball Association with a 32.9 scoring average.

"I don't think we are going to know about Bernard until he plays against NBA players with the kind of tough schedule you only get during the season, four games in six nights," said Stirling. "Everything up to then is pure speculation and probably a waste of time."

King, however, expresses no doubt. He put himself through a torturous rehabilitation program and promises, "I'll be back as the player I once was. You can be sure of that."

When? No one knows. Not even King.

The Knicks are so unsure of King's future that they passed up 7-footer William Bedford for Walker. Not only did fans and media question the choice, but so did King.

"I don't think Kenny Walker was a very smart pick at all," King said.

Stirling insists the Knicks made the intelligent choice.

"This is the hardest-working kid in America," Stirling said. "And off the court,



Guard Trent Tucker will try to live up to the potential he showed in 1985-86.

I think he's the best kid in the draft. That's important to me. He's capable of scoring 20 points a game as a rookie. I think a lot of people were faked out on him because they perceived him as a power forward. He's not. He's a small forward."

Brown vehemently defends the pick... as only he can.

"Kenny Walker is going to give 100 percent. He can score. He can rebound. He can block shots," Brown said. "I don't know what more we're supposed to ask of a kid at the fifth pick!"

"Here's what I like about him. He's academically sound. He has a terrific personality and there isn't one guy who has a knock on Kenny Walker. If you're going to question his range, that's fine, except for one thing. Most small forwards play on the boxes. Who cares if he can shoot from 21 feet.

"The main thing with us is if he can shoot from 15 feet and play both boxes. That's all that Bernard King did. And I

VETERAN ROSTER

| No. | Name | Pos. | College |
|-----|-----------------|------|----------------------|
| 25 | Bill Cartwright | C | San Francisco '79 |
| 35 | Fred Cofield | G | Eastern Michigan '85 |
| 42 | Pat Cummings | C-F | Cincinnati '79 |
| 33 | Patrick Ewing | C | Georgetown '85 |
| 30 | Bernard King | F | Tennessee '77 |
| 14 | Chris McNeely | F | San Jose State '83 |
| 55 | Louis Orr | F | Syracuse '80 |
| 2 | Rory Sparrow | G | Villanova '80 |
| 23 | Bob Thornton | F | Cal-Irvine '84 |
| 6 | Trent Tucker | G | Minnesota '82 |
| 4 | Darrell Walker | G | Arkansas '83 |
| | Eddie Wilkins | F | Gardner-Webb '84 |
| 21 | Gerald Wilkins | G | Tenn.-Chatt. '85 |

TOP DRAFTES

| Rd. | Name | Pick | Pos. | College |
|-----|-----------------|------|------|------------|
| 1 | Kenny Walker | 5 | F | Kentucky |
| 2 | Michael Jackson | 47 | G | Georgetown |

don't hear anyone questioning whether Bernard King can play in the league."

Walker takes the criticism in stride and promises he will succeed in New York.

"Gee, I don't get no respect," he said with a laugh as he slipped into his Rodney Dangerfield impersonation. "But I'm used to it. I'm a blue-collar worker. I wasn't a superstar all my life. I got where I am on hustle and determination."

The Knicks are in desperate need for scoring. Their league-low 98.7 average was the team's lowest in more than 30 years.

If King is unable to return to form, Ewing will be asked to shoulder the scoring load. Despite missing 32 games last season, he was voted the NBA's Rookie of the Year. He sat out the final 20 games after undergoing arthroscopic knee surgery.

"It was a long, grueling year," said Ewing, who averaged 20 points and nine rebounds. "I want to wipe that year away and start clean."

Ewing, who is expected to be 100 percent by training camp, surprised everyone with his offense. But there is room for improvement. The 7-foot center must add several inside moves and improve his passing skills to keep pace with the smothering defenses. And he has to become a more consistent rebounder.

"People expected too much of Patrick," Stirling said. "After the lottery (which preceded the 1985 draft and gave the Knicks the No. 1 pick), some people were ceding this team to the championship round. That's ridiculous. It's not a one-man game."

The strength of the backcourt is Gerald Wilkins, the younger brother of Atlanta scoring champion Dominique Wilkins. Gerald, the steal of the 1985 draft (the 47th pick), averaged 12.5 points in his rookie season and possesses the electrifying moves to become an NBA wizard. Trent Tucker (10.6 points per game last year) is coming off his best season and Ewing's old Georgetown mate, Michael Jackson, could add some pizzazz after being drafted with the 47th pick of the 1986 draft. The guards' role in Brown's system is to play defense and pound the ball inside to the big men.

If the big men are there. The season depends on a healthy King and Cartwright. "The key is we need both or at least one of those guys back," Stirling said. "It would be silly to try to tell the people anything different."

If one or both of the injury-plagued big men fail to come back, a forward position will be up for grabs. Among those fighting for playing time will be Louis Orr and Pat Cummings, who averaged 15.7 points in 31 games while fighting the injury bug. ■

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Sikma Is Center of Attention As Bucks Eye Championship

By TOM ENLUND

Milwaukee will never be the same. The Bucks' three-headed center is dead.

Alton Lister, Randy Breuer and Paul Mokeski—those names will live in infamy. They comprised the celebrated, often castigated, triumvirate that had manned the Bucks center position since Bob Lanier's retirement after the 1983-84 National Basketball Association season. The arrangement was terminated July 1 when the Bucks traded Lister and first-round draft choices in 1987 and 1989 to the Seattle SuperSonics for veteran center Jack Sikma and second-round draft choices in the same two years.

The trade gives the Bucks the veteran dominant center they've lacked since the days of Lanier and raises cautious optimism in Milwaukee that the Bucks might again be a serious contender for an NBA championship.

"Will we be better than Boston?" said Bucks Coach Don Nelson. "Not really. Boston is one of the best teams I've ever seen.

"Does this mean we could win a championship? Yes. If you knock on the door and stay close enough, sometimes you can knock the door down."

The three-headed center had etched its own little niche in Milwaukee's basketball lore. It probably was the most renowned trio to come out of Wisconsin since Richie, Potsie and Ralph Malph of "Happy Days" fame. And at times it drew just as many laughs.

But Milwaukee fans began losing their sense of humor when it became apparent that the lack of a dominating center was keeping the Bucks from joining the NBA's elite inner circle. Division championships in 1984-85 and 1985-86 were tempered by the fact that the Bucks were swept out of the playoffs, first by Philadelphia, then by Boston.

It marked the first time in NBA history that a team had been swept in seven-game playoff series in consecutive years.

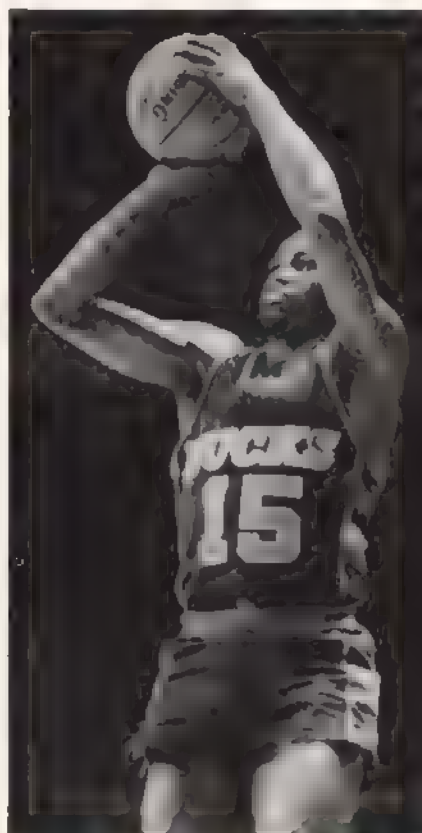
So when the 6-foot-11 Sikma became available for what the Bucks considered to be a reasonable price, they made their move.

There will be no more three-headed center to kick around in Milwaukee. No more center by committee. No more pivot roulette.

The Bucks no longer will be the doughnut team, the one with the hole in the center. And there will be no more of the other jokes. You know, three times zero is zero.

Sikma changed all that when he surveyed the surroundings in Seattle, did not see a championship team in the making and asked for a one-way ticket out of town—to a contender.

"I wanted to smell the roses again," said Sikma, a member of Seattle's 1979



Craig Hodges is part of Milwaukee's strong three-guard rotation.

championship team, the only one in Sonics history. When Sikma first made it clear that he wanted out of Seattle, Nelson had said that the Bucks were not in the running, that the price was too high.

But the Bucks' interest was perked after the June 17th draft when Seattle let it be known that Sikma could be had for Lister and two first-round draft choices.

But still the Bucks hesitated. They didn't like the idea of parting with two firsts, especially the one in 1989. Also to be considered was Sikma's age (he'll turn 31 in November) and his salary.

But agreement finally was reached and Milwaukee's three-headed center became

extinct.

"I can't tell you how excited I am to be here," said Sikma upon his arrival in Milwaukee. "When I made the decision after the season to try to get myself traded to a contender and I thought about the teams that would fit that situation, the Bucks were right at the top of the list.

"I'm looking forward to the challenge of doing all I can to make this the best team in basketball."

On paper, this has the potential to be the Bucks' best team in years, certainly since Lanier's retirement.

The presence of an offensive-minded center (Sikma has averaged 16.8 points in his nine-year career, including 17.1 last season) should create more opportunities for top scorers Sidney Moncrief and Terry Cummings as well as the rest of the team.

Sikma, surrounded by a better supporting cast than in Seattle, also could become a better player. "I'm still not satisfied where I'm at as a player," he said.

The trade will make a backup center out of the 7-3 Breuer, who was miscast as a starter for much of last season.

With the center position shored up, the 7-foot Mokeski is projected as a backup for Cummings at power forward.

Nelson also will have the option when desirable to use massive front lines featuring the likes of Sikma, Breuer, Mokeski and Cummings (6-10).

The Bucks look solid up and down their roster.

They've got a formidable three-guard rotation in Moncrief, Ricky Pierce and Craig Hodges. Moncrief is an all-everything talent who averaged 20.2 points and 4.9 assists last season. Hodges averaged 10.8 points and was the league's three-point field goal-shooting champion (45 percent). And Pierce (13.9 points per game) is regarded as one of the best sixth men in the league.

At forward, Cummings (19.8 points, 8.5 rebounds) pairs with Paul Pressey (14.3 points), who has turned Nelson's point forward concept into an art form. They are among the best in the business.

Leading the hunt for the final roster spots will be forwards Kenny Fields and Charles Davis, and guards Jerry Reynolds, Mike Glenn and rookie Scott Skiles, the Bucks' first-round draft choice.

Yes, the three-headed center is gone, but will Sikma help bring happy days back to Milwaukee?

"This gives us a four-year opportunity," said Nelson. "It's like we had with Bob Lanier. That didn't succeed but now we've got another opportunity.

"We've had good years. But have we been successful? No, and we won't be until we win the championship."

Said Sikma, "Maybe I can help them get over the hump." ■

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VETERAN ROSTER

| No. | Name | Pos. | College |
|-----|-----------------|------|-----------------------|
| 45 | Randy Breuer | C | Minnesota '83 |
| 34 | Terry Cummings | F | DePaul '83 |
| 24 | Charles Davis | G-F | Vanderbilt '81 |
| 7 | Kenny Fields | F | UCLA '84 |
| 10 | Mike Glenn | G | Southern Illinois '77 |
| 15 | Craig Hodges | G | Long Beach State '82 |
| 31 | Earl Jones | C | Dist. of Col. '84 |
| 44 | Paul Mokeski | C | Kansas '79 |
| 4 | Sidney Moncrief | G | Arkansas '79 |
| 22 | Ricky Pierce | G-F | Rice '82 |
| 25 | Paul Pressey | G | Tulsa '82 |
| 20 | Jerry Reynolds | F | Louisiana State '86 |
| 43 | Jack Sikma | C | Illinois Wesleyan '77 |

TOP DRAFTES

| Rd. | Name | Pick | Pos. | College |
|-----|--------------|------|------|----------------|
| 1 | Scott Skiles | 22 | G | Michigan State |
| 2 | Keith Smith | 45 | G | Loyola (Cal.) |

Young Hawks Are Flying High After Surprising 1985-86 Season

By JEFF DENBERG

Two years ago, this was Lady Liberty's team. The Atlanta Hawks were old, tired, impoverished of talent and virtually homeless as their fans deserted them and management shipped them to New Orleans for a dozen games.

But now, the Hawks are among the most exciting and unique teams in the National Basketball Association.

It all happened so quickly. Given three years in 1984 to turn a dull, middle-aged team into a young, aggressive contender, the Hawks arrived a year ahead of schedule.

The changes that led to the Hawks' resurgence were more subtle than overt, unlike other teams such as the 1980 Celtics, who improved 32 games in the standings when Larry Bird joined their lineup, and the Houston Rockets, who advanced 34 games over two years by adding Ralph Sampson and Akeem Olajuwon.

The Hawks, on the other hand, did not add a single starting player to their team last season but still improved from 34 to 50 victories, from 17th in the league to sixth.

How? First of all, the Hawks signed Spud Webb, a 5-foot-6 free-agent guard who presents an unprecedented injection of speed to the Hawks' lineup. Webb, who averaged 7.8 points and 4.3 assists per game, is an amazing ball handler who succeeded teammate Dominique Wilkins as the league's slam-dunk king. Secondly, the Hawks coaxed veteran center Wayne (Tree) Rollins into his most aggressive play by putting a big, strong rookie, Jon Koncak, behind him. And finally, they tempered Wilkins' tendency to hog the ball.

Atlanta still relied too heavily on Wilkins, a human highlight film who averaged 30.3 points per game to win the NBA scoring title and was named to the All-NBA first team. Even so, the Hawks were able to push four games ahead of Detroit and finish second in the Central Division with the "closest mix of size and speed to the Lakers that I've seen," said George Karl, now coaching at Golden State.

Besides Wilkins, the Hawks don't have much by way of good shooters or passers. Their players don't have the most savvy in the league. But they do have superb athletic talent. Their roster is filled primarily with tall young men who can leap and run and who love to do it.

Last season, Coach Mike Fratello, who was named NBA Coach of the Year, made it to the second round of the playoffs with five rookies, two second-year players and two third-year players. The Hawks then went into the June draft with the 19th pick and came away with Mike McGee, a five-year veteran shooting guard who can light up the board from the outside, as



Doc Rivers showed great promise last season despite being slowed by wrist and foot injuries.

well as 6-10 Ken Barlow of Notre Dame and two big men for the future—7-2 Augusto Binelli, who played in Italy last year, and 6-11 Dave Hoppen, a former Ne-

braska player who underwent knee surgery last winter.

McGee, who was obtained from the Los Angeles Lakers along with Barlow's signing rights in a swap for the rights to Louisville's Billy Thompson and Kansas' Ron Kellogg, will provide immediate help. With his impressive 41-for-114 performance, McGee had more three-point field goals than five entire teams, including the Hawks, who sank just 33 of 166 attempts. A superb fast-break player, McGee can move into a four-guard rotation with Webb, Doc Rivers and Randy Wittman, leaving young John Battle and veteran Johnny Davis to compete for a job with rookie Jim Les of Bradley.

Although Wittman averaged 15 points per game over the last half of the season to finish with a 12.9 average, the Hawks must cut back on his minutes. Wittman worked 34 minutes per night, a tough assignment for a big guard on a running team.

At the same time, the Hawks must get more minutes from Rivers, whose assortment of wrist and foot injuries spoiled a promising season in which he averaged 11.5 points and led the Hawks in assists (8.4 per game). Rivers' presence is beneficial to Wilkins, who found himself getting better shots when Rivers was playing.

So well did Wilkins play in his fourth pro season that Bird said the flying Hawk was his candidate for Most Valuable Player. Wilkins won games with rebounding (7.9 average), scoring and some surprisingly good defense. Working 39 minutes per night, Wilkins was one of the most durable players in the league.

"The best thing about him," Fratello said, "is that he will get better because he's such a hard-working kid."

The same can be said about all the Hawks. Kevin Willis, a 7-foot power forward who runs with the fastest guards, will be better with a year's experience at his new position, where he averaged 12.3 points and 8.6 rebounds. Koncak, another 7-footer, will improve by developing a low-post game under the instruction of Hall of Famer Willis Reed. Even the 7-1 Rollins has shown signs of becoming an offensive force.

It is after this group that there is competition for playing time. Forward Cliff Levingston doesn't score enough (9.3 average) to work the small side, so Fratello is hoping that Antoine Carr is free of the injuries and excess weight that have plagued him, limiting him to 17 games a year ago. If not, 6-10 Scott Hastings and second-year player Lorenzo Charles are there to fight for jobs with Barlow.

No matter who wins these jobs, the Hawks will enter this season with more depth and overall talent—not to mention respect—than they did a year ago.

Jeff Denberg covers the Atlanta Hawks for the Atlanta Journal-Constitution.

VETERAN ROSTER

| No. | Name | Pos. | College |
|-----|------------------|------|------------------------|
| 12 | John Battle | G | Rutgers '85 |
| 33 | Antoine Carr | F | Wichita State '83 |
| 43 | Lorenzo Charles | F | North Carolina St. '85 |
| 16 | Johnny Davis | G | Dayton '77 |
| 44 | Scott Hastings | F-C | Arkansas '82 |
| 55 | Jon Koncak | C | So. Methodist '85 |
| 53 | Cliff Levingston | F | Wichita State '83 |
| 40 | Mike McGee | G | Michigan '81 |
| 25 | Glenn Rivers | G | Marquette '84 |
| 30 | Wayne Rollins | C | Clemson '77 |
| 4 | Spud Webb | G | North Carolina St. '85 |
| 21 | D. Wilkins | F | Georgia '83 |
| 42 | Kevin Willis | C | Michigan State '84 |
| 10 | Randy Wittman | G-F | Indiana '83 |

TOP DRAFTEES

| Rd. | Name | Pick | Pos. | College |
|-----|-----------------|------|------|------------|
| 1 | Ken Barlow | 23 | F | Notre Dame |
| 2 | Augusto Binelli | 40 | C | Italy |
| 3 | Dave Hoppen | 65 | C | Nebraska |
| 3 | Jim Les | 70 | G | Bradley |

*Atlanta acquired draft rights to Barlow and guard Mike McGee from L.A. Lakers in exchange for draft rights to Billy Thompson and Ron Kellogg.

Size Continues to Be Problem For Small, Hungry Pistons

By CHARLIE VINCENT

Jack McCloskey is nothing if not persistent.

For the third consecutive summer, the Detroit Pistons' general manager made trades calculated to lift the Pistons from mediocrity. Then he crossed his fingers and hoped they would work out better than the ones that preceded them.

Flop No. 1: Two summers ago, McCloskey got forward Dan Roundfield from Atlanta for forwards Cliff Levingston and Antoine Carr. Roundfield averaged a career-low 10.9 points per game, leading to Flop No. 2: In the summer of 1985, McCloskey sent Roundfield to Washington for forward-center Rick Mahorn and forward Mike Gibson. Both players averaged less than five points last season.

Most recently, McCloskey made a pair of deals: Forward-center Kent Benson and forward Kelly Tripucka, one of the best offensive players in Pistons history, went to Utah for forward Adrian Dantley, while forward-center Earl Cureton was dealt to Chicago for forward Sidney Green.

The Pistons' other significant addition was that of Georgia Tech's John Salley, their first-round draft pick. The Pistons have been trying to fill the power forward position for the last decade, and Salley was drafted with that in mind. But Detroit coaches were concerned that Salley might not be the answer after watching him last summer.

First the Pistons found that Salley, who is listed as a 7-footer, is at least an inch shorter than that. And his small upper torso prompted Coach Chuck Daly to say, "He's got a 6-foot-4 body from the waist up, and that makes him seem even smaller."

Then Daly discovered he had drafted a power forward who would rather pass than shoot the ball.

"We're looking for a guy to rebound, post up and block shots at that spot," the frustrated coach said. "I don't know where he fits in."

Isiah Thomas, who grew so weary of losing midway through last season that he skipped a practice and called his pal, Magic Johnson, for consolation, came away with as many doubts as Daly.

"He wasn't a dominant player at that level of competition (in the summer rookie league)," Thomas said, "and in the NBA that level goes up 10, 20, maybe 100 percent."

McCloskey apparently agreed because he traded for Green, who averaged 13.5 points and 8.2 rebounds for Chicago last season, to challenge Salley and Mahorn for the starting job.

The other forward job belongs to Dantley, a two-time NBA scoring title winner who averaged 29.8 points for the Jazz a year ago. He is good at drawing fouls, un-



Joe Dumars was a pleasant surprise as a rookie last season and should join Isiah Thomas in the Pistons' backcourt.

like Tripucka, and should make the Pistons a more physical offensive team.

But whether these changes—which still leave the Pistons minus a legitimate 7-footer with mayhem in mind—will translate into significant improvement remains to be seen.

As long as the Pistons have Thomas bringing the ball upcourt and 6-11 Bill Laimbeer in the middle, they should make the playoffs for the fourth consecutive year. But after being brushed aside in the first round of the playoffs by a large Atlanta team that featured Kevin Willis, Jon Koncak and Tree Rollins, it was evident that the Pistons need to be bigger, stronger and more aggressive if they are to challenge the perennial powers in the Eastern Conference.

It is unlikely that off-season thumb surgery will affect Thomas' status as the best point guard in the league. The sixth-year veteran was second in the NBA in assists

(10.8 average) and sixth in steals (2.2) while leading Detroit in scoring with a 20.9 average.

Joe Dumars, a pleasant surprise as a rookie last season, and veterans Vinnie Johnson and John Long give the Pistons great depth at off-guard.

But there is too little size up front. Tony Campbell enters his third NBA season still trying to prove himself as an adequate backup at small forward. And at 6-5, Dantley is an inch shorter than the man he's replacing (Tripucka).

At center, Laimbeer returns after leading the league in rebounding (13.1 average) last year. He will get help from Chuck Nevitt, a perennial project who was signed last November after being cut by the Lakers. McCloskey spent part of the summer supervising Nevitt's workouts.

"You don't want to give up on a guy who's 7-foot-5 too soon," he said.

The 12th man probably will be rookie forward Dennis (Worm) Rodman, who averaged 25.7 points in his three-year career at Southeastern Oklahoma State and led all NAIA schools in rebounding as a senior, despite never playing high school basketball.

All in all, the Pistons shape up better than they did this time last year. But it is hard to tell whether the various acquisitions will put the club in a position to contend for the NBA championship.

"I don't know how close it brings us," McCloskey said after getting Dantley. "But it makes us a better basketball team."

In the tough Eastern Conference, better might not be good enough. ■

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VETERAN ROSTER

| No. | Name | Pos. | College |
|-----|-----------------|------|------------------------|
| 00 | Tony Campbell | F | Ohio State '84 |
| | —Adrian Dantley | F | Notre Dame '77 |
| 4 | Joe Dumars | G | McNeese State '85 |
| 35 | Mike Gibson | F | S.C. Spartanburg '82 |
| | Sidney Green | G F | Nevada L.V. '83 |
| 15 | Vinnie Johnson | G | Baylor '79 |
| 40 | Bill Laimbeer | C | Notre Dame '79 |
| 25 | John Long | G | Detroit '78 |
| 44 | Rick Mahorn | C-F | Hampton Inst. '80 |
| 42 | Chuck Nevitt | C | North Carolina St. '82 |
| | —John Schweitz | F | Richmond '82 |
| 11 | Isiah Thomas | G | Indiana '83 |
| | Jim Thomas | G | Indiana '83 |

TOP DRAFTTEES

| Rd. | Name | Pick | Pos. | College |
|-----|----------------|------|------|-------------------|
| 1 | John Salley | 11 | C | Georgia Tech |
| 2 | Dennis Rodman | 27 | F | S.E. Oklahoma St. |
| 3 | Richie Johnson | 64 | F | Evansville |

*Johnson was a 1985 draft choice who played in Europe last season.

Pacers Believe Jack Ramsay Can Set Team on Right Course

By MIKE KAHN

They looked both ways before crossing the street this time. So it appears that, for the first time since entering the National Basketball Association in 1976, the Indiana Pacers will reach the other side in stable condition.

With Jack Ramsay as their new coach, basketball-wise Donnie Walsh as general manager and former coach George Irvine as director of player personnel, the Pacers have a stable management anchor from which to deal.

"I think there's been a gradual progression of building assets, and now we think we have the basketball people in there who can turn those assets into wins," said Pacers co-Owner Herb Simon.

Ramsay, who is second behind Red Auerbach with 785 career NBA coaching victories, was fired by Portland last year. He is a 61-year-old disciplinarian taking over one of the youngest teams in the NBA. He is replacing Irvine, one of the mildest-mannered coaches around.

"When I talked to him, we had a lengthy discussion about the personnel of this team," Walsh said. "I realized he is perfect for the job. He is a teacher and he fills the criterion for any coaching job in the country."

Ramsay will have his work cut out for him. The Pacers, who stumbled through a 26-56 season and finished last in the Central Division, are loaded at the forward positions but weak at both center and guard.

There's 6-foot-11 power forward Herb Williams, 6-9 some-kind-of-forward Wayman Tisdale, 6-7 small forward Clark Kellogg (who is battling back from knee surgery) and 7-foot center Steve Stipanovich, whose talents probably are more suited to power forward.

That's why more than a few eyebrows were raised when the Pacers selected 6-8 Auburn star Chuck Person on the first round of the NBA draft when 7-foot Memphis State center William Bedford and several top-flight guards still were available. Where Person will fit into the forward jigsaw puzzle remains to be seen.

The backcourt features Vern Fleming, Clint Richardson and an assortment of other players who will have to fight to make the team.

"I made a commitment here for three years," Ramsay said. "At the end of three years, if we both still like each other, it could go longer. I would like to have a very productive period here however long it is. At the end of that time, I'll decide if I can do more or not."

Other than seeing the Pacers twice a year against the Blazers, Ramsay concedes he has limited knowledge of the personnel.

"I see it as a team that can develop and be on the rise," Ramsay said. "For a



Vern Fleming will be the trigger man in Jack Ramsay's new offensive scheme.

coach, it's an ideal situation with young players. It is a team that has gained experience, has learned the difficulties of the NBA season, the toughness of defeat, and is looking forward to the joys of victory."

But it won't be easy. The Pacers have won just 48 games the past two seasons under Irvine and the only additions are Person and second-round draft pick Greg Dreiling, a 7-1 center from Kansas.

"My feeling at this time is to have a two-guard who can score and defend," Ramsay said. "We need some scoring. We need a shooter from the two-guard position. I would like to see a solid backup point guard. I'm not sure he's here right now."

Fleming, who averaged 14.2 points and 6.3 assists per game last season, will be the starting point guard. But Ramsay has reservations about Richardson as a starter. Terence Stansbury, Dwayne McClain and Bryan Warrick are returning hopefuls with 1984 draftee Kenny Patterson

trying to make the team as a backup point guard. There also is the possibility that Person will play the shooting guard if he exhibits enough quickness to play in the backcourt.

Person could have trouble breaking into Indiana's frontcourt. Williams and Kellogg are top-flight, experienced NBA players. Williams is coming off his best season, averaging 19.9 points and 9.1 rebounds. But Kellogg played just 19 games before his knee gave way and ended his season. Tisdale, although soundly criticized, averaged 14.7 points and 7.2 rebounds despite coming in late and overweight. Two other small forwards are Ron Anderson and Bill Martin.

"Wayman Tisdale can be a good NBA player," Ramsay said. "He needs to progress from last year. He did not have a bad rookie season but he did not reach everyone's expectations."

The Pacers appear committed to Stipanovich at center for at least one more year. He averaged 13.6 points and 7.9 rebounds, a slight improvement over his first two NBA seasons, but baffled team officials with his inconsistency. He is just one more enigma on this most enigmatic of teams.

"Nobody likes to lose in athletics," Ramsay said. "I would expect, without talking to players, they're anxious to get into a winning situation. When that happens in this (basketball crazy) environment, this can be the best franchise in the NBA. If that can happen, I am anxious to be a part of it."

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VETERAN ROSTER

| No. | Name | Pos. | College |
|-----|------------------|------|------------------|
| 15 | Ron Anderson | F | Fresno State '84 |
| 10 | Vern Fleming | G | Georgia '84 |
| 33 | Clark Kellogg | F | Ohio State '83 |
| 22 | Bill Martin | F | Georgetown '85 |
| 44 | Dwayne McClain | G | Villanova '85 |
| 4 | Clint Richardson | G | Seattle '79 |
| 43 | T. Stansbury | G | Temple '84 |
| 40 | S. Stipanovich | C | Missouri '83 |
| 23 | Wayman Tisdale | F | Oklahoma '86 |
| 21 | Bryan Warrick | G | St. Joseph's '82 |
| 32 | Herb Williams | C-F | Ohio State '81 |

TOP DRAFTEES

| Rd. | Name | Pick | Pos. | College |
|-----|---------------|------|------|---------|
| 1 | Chuck Person | 4 | F | Auburn |
| 2 | Greg Dreiling | 26 | C | Kansas |

Bulls Are Hoping to Avoid Chaos of 1985-86 Season

By MARK VANCIL

With long arms and deep pockets, the Bulls' new owners insisted that Chicago would see a "Whole New Breed" last season.

But when Michael Jordan's brilliance failed to bring down Boston in the playoffs, a season of boos, bad luck and confusion mercifully ended with one fact perfectly clear:

This was the same old Bull.

Before Jordan's broken foot shattered the season, guard Quintin Dailey had already left the team with drug problems. Centers Jawann Oldham and Dave Corzine missed 30 and 15 games, respectively, with broken bones. Inexplicably, the best start in forward Orlando Woolridge's career disintegrated amid personal problems and he eventually missed 12 games. For weeks late in the season, Coach Stan Albeck had to start 6-foot-8 rookie forward Charles Oakley at center.

Off the court, the problems were even worse. Woolridge, the team's most consistent scorer during his first four seasons, slowly went from a permanent fixture to a replaceable part. Meanwhile, Bulls management took a public beating over repeated conflicts with Jordan.

When Jordan finally returned, after countless setbacks and 64 missed games, doctors and management restricted his playing time. Incensed, Jordan accused the team of trying to lose on purpose to gain a lottery spot and avoid a first-round playoff match with Boston. Management responded with a press conference apparently designed for a Jordan apology.

Jordan refused, and with a fuming desire he briefly salvaged a season ruined by destructive circumstance. In four weeks, Jordan proved that despite 52 regular-season losses, the Bulls are not dead as long as he is alive.

Even with injuries to Oldham, Corzine and Woolridge, Jordan led the Bulls into the playoffs. And it was against Boston, on the famed Garden parquet, that Jordan put on one of the great individual efforts in playoff history. His 49 points in Game 1 paled against a playoff-record 63-point, double-overtime effort in Game 2. No team came as close to beating the Celtics at home during the playoffs. And no individual played better.

Six weeks later, however, Albeck was fired and replaced with Doug Collins, a former Philadelphia All-Star and now the NBA's youngest coach. What Albeck didn't know during a turbulent and sometimes laughable season was that Collins had actually been paid to scout the team with eight weeks left in the season.

By the time management elicited another deafening chorus of boos by not drafting Duke guard Johnny Dawkins, contract negotiations with Woolridge had long been cut off while relations with Jor-



The healthy presence of Michael Jordan will make the Bulls competitive in the Central Division.

dan cooled even more.

"I think it was a very unusual year, the most unusual I've ever had in 20 years in this business," said Jerry Krause, the team's vice president of operations. "But I think in many circumstances you learn from adversity. If you don't, you're not very smart."

"It was a year of learning. Both physically and mentally, it was the most draining year of my life."

So far.

"I think last year there was a tremendous amount of adversity," Collins said. "Really, it was a season of chaos. I don't think you can point to that and say that was the real Bulls."

VETERAN ROSTER

| No. | Name | Pos. | College |
|-----|----------------|------|--------------------|
| 20 | Gene Banks | F | Duke '81 |
| 22 | Steve Cotter | G | New Mexico St. '84 |
| 40 | Dave Corzine | C | DePaul '78 |
| | Earl Cureton | F | Detroit '80 |
| 23 | Michael Jordan | G-F | North Carolina '85 |
| 24 | Kyle Macy | G | Kentucky '80 |
| 34 | Charles Oakley | F | Virginia Union '85 |
| 33 | Jawann Oldham | C | Seattle '80 |
| 5 | John Paxson | G | Notre Dame '83 |
| 52 | Mike Smrek | C | Canisius '85 |
| 0 | D. Woolridge | F | Notre Dame '81 |

TOP DRAFTEES

| Rd. | Name | Pick | Pos. | College |
|-----|--------------|------|------|-----------------|
| 1 | Brad Sellers | 9 | C | Ohio State |
| 3 | Ricky Wilson | 52 | G | George Mason |
| 3 | Mike Brown | 69 | F | Geo. Washington |

*Brown was a 1985 draft choice who played in Italy last season.

If Collins, who has never even been an NBA assistant, is to turn around a staggering franchise, someone will have to lighten Jordan's load.

"I want to play Michael 35 or 36 minutes a game," Collins said. "Obviously, teams will gear themselves to stop him. But if he works off the ball and we get him the ball where he wants it, it will take away a lot of the double teams."

If Woolridge, who went through the summer unsigned, doesn't return, Jordan will remain a marked man and the Bulls can be penciled in for another long season despite improvements.

Although Krause passed on Dawkins, he got 7-foot Brad Sellers before pulling off a deal with Portland for Steve Colter, who automatically took over the starting guard spot opposite Jordan and quickly made the Bulls better.

With Kyle Macy and George Gervin, Chicago had one of the league's poorest defensive backcourts. The Bulls ranked 21st in forced turnovers and held opponents under 100 points just eight times. Only Golden State did it less.

Gervin, a free agent, will not return while Macy, who fell behind John Paxson in the preseason depth chart, is virtually certain to be gone by opening day.

Meanwhile, bruising 6-9, 260-pound Mike Brown, a third-round draft pick in 1985, played his way onto the roster with an impressive summer. Brown, who played in Italy last season, will be counted on to spell Oakley, whose late-season flourish landed him on the league's all-rookie team.

The Bulls also traded starting forward Sidney Green to Detroit for forward Earl Cureton over the summer. Cureton, a backup for the Pistons, could contend for a starting job depending on what happens with Woolridge.

"This team will have a different look about it," Krause said. "When I first took over, I wanted it to be a quicker, more physical team. . . I feel very confident."

It's just what his team will look like that makes Collins nervous. Along with Woolridge, starting center Oldham, forward Gene Banks and Sellers went through the summer unsigned. It didn't help matters that 7-foot Mike Smrek, the Bulls' No. 3 center, suffered a stress fracture in his left foot and could not play the entire summer. And there was nothing inspirational in a midsummer CAT-scan of Jordan's left foot.

"My concern is who we're going to have and who we're not going to have," Collins said. "That's my biggest fear. Being a new coach, you like to get everyone in camp. I've let management know. I've talked to them about getting everyone signed."

But can they deliver? ■

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Rockets Finally Get the Point

Robert Reid Proves To Be Passing Fancy

By JAN HUBBARD

If the Houston Rockets had only known, they would have moved Robert Reid to point guard a long time ago. Reid would have told them if they had asked.

The tall point guard trend is nothing new. It began in 1979, when Earvin Johnson brought his magic act to Los Angeles, and has caught on throughout the National Basketball Association. But it took a sad episode with drugs and a cracked wrist-bone before the Rockets discovered last season that they had someone who could match up physically with the 6-foot-9 Johnson. And that someone, Robert Reid, had been playing basketball in Houston since 1977.

The Rockets were literally forced into making the move. In March, veteran John Lucas had to be waived after he tested positive for drugs. In April, Allen Leavell cracked a bone in his wrist.

In looking back over the 1985-86 season, it's noteworthy that the Rockets played their best basketball late in the season—when they clinched the Midwest Division title (with a 51-31 record) and then rolled through the playoffs. They won series over Sacramento, Denver and the defending-champion Los Angeles Lakers to advance to the NBA Finals. They did it with their third, and best, point guard of the season—the 6-8 Reid, who for seven seasons had existed in the NBA as a small forward.

Entering the playoffs, guard was supposed to be the Rockets' weak link—specifically Reid, who did not play point

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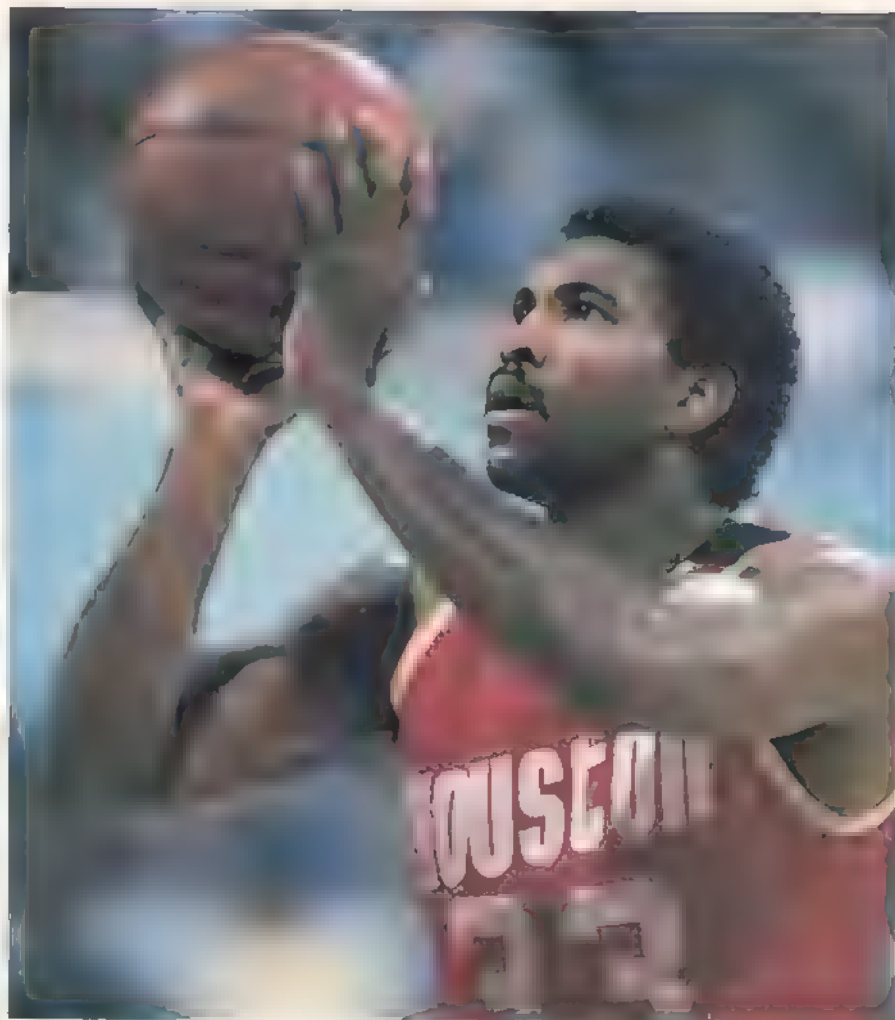
Midwest Division

| 1986-87 Prediction | 1985-86 Standings |
|-----------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Houston | 1. Houston (51-31) |
| 2. Dallas | 2. Denver (47-35) |
| 3. Denver | 3. Dallas (44-38) |
| 4. Utah | 4. Utah (42-40) |
| 5. Sacramento | 5. Sacramento (37-45) |
| 6. San Antonio | 6. San Antonio (35-47) |

Pacific Division

| 1986-87 Prediction | 1985-86 Standings |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Lakers | 1. Lakers (62-20) |
| 2. Portland | 2. Portland (40-42) |
| 3. Clippers | 3. Clippers (32-50) |
| 4. Golden State | Phoenix (32-50) |
| 5. Seattle | 5. Seattle (31-51) |
| 6. Phoenix | 6. Golden State (30-52) |

WESTERN CONFERENCE



Robert Reid drew rave reviews after taking over Houston's offense.

Reid

Continued

guard for the first month and a half of the season. But Reid silenced skeptics with a solid performance that helped the young Rockets reach the championship round, where they lost to the Celtics in six games. In 20 playoff games, Reid averaged 14.9 points and 6.9 assists. The numbers were not staggering, but Reid provided some top-notch defense that allowed the Rockets to match up competitively against some of the best players in the league.

The amazing thing about Reid's performance is that he did it with little pro experience as a playmaker. What could he have done if the Rockets had worked him at point guard when he joined the team in 1977?

"I think I made a believer out of some people," said Reid. "Nobody knew I could play point guard until this year. Now they see me go behind my back, and they say, 'Wow.' Or they see me make a pass off a dribble, and they say, 'Wow.' Now they are starting to realize."

Reid said that if anyone had bothered to check the record, they would have known sooner. When he was a senior at Samuel Clemens High School in Schertz, Tex., Reid played center on defense and

brought the ball upcourt on offense. He was a big point guard waiting to happen. But if Lucas had stayed clean and Leavell had stayed healthy, it might not have happened at all. And the Rockets might have made an early exit in the playoffs.

"Obviously, we did not intend for it to happen the way it did," said Houston Coach Bill Fitch. "But I don't think there is any doubt that we are a better team with Robert at point guard."

If there is one constant running through Reid's pro career, it is that nothing has gone according to script.

Reid attended tiny St. Mary's University in San Antonio. He was drafted late in the second round (No. 40 overall) only because Rudy Davalos, a former San Antonio Spurs assistant coach, had recommended him to Rockets Coach Tom Nissalke, whom Davalos had worked for in San Antonio.

Reid wasn't supposed to get a lot of playing time as a rookie. The Rockets had advanced to the conference finals before losing to Philadelphia the previous season and had a strong, veteran team that featured Moses Malone, Rudy Tomjanovich, Calvin Murphy, Mike Newlin and Lucas. But Tomjanovich was lost for the season after being punched by the Lakers' Kermit Washington in a December game and Reid moved into the starting lineup. He averaged 23 minutes and 7.3 points as a

rookie.

In 1980-81, despite compiling only a 40-42 regular-season record, the Rockets advanced to the NBA Finals. No one expected Reid to be the most talked about player in the series against the Celtics, but he limited Larry Bird to 16 total points during two games, and had a four-game defensive stretch when he allowed Bird to connect on only 29 percent of his shots. Reid also provided the most colorful quote in the series, saying that he was going to guard Bird so close that "I'm going to be able to tell you if he has grown new hairs on his neck."

When he reached the peak of his career in 1982, he shocked the basketball world by announcing his retirement because of a religious conflict with his Pentecostal faith. He left the game with the deep-rooted feeling that he had accomplished little.

"I'll be totally honest," he said. "When I left, I still considered myself a nobody. Even after the Bird stuff, I considered myself a nobody. I wasn't an All-Star. I never made anybody's all-defensive team. I never got player of the week every third week. I figured with me leaving, it was going to be talked about in Houston, but I never figured it was going to go coast to coast. When it did, I just wanted everybody to leave me alone."

He got his wish as he sat out the 1982-83 season. But as the next campaign approached, Reid discovered that being left alone was not that great. He got the urge to play again, resolved his religious conflict and returned. No one expected him to pick up right where he left off and Reid didn't disappoint.

"It's like riding a bike," he said later. "You don't forget, but when a person hasn't ridden a bike in five years, they're not going to jump on there with no hands."

Critics were quick to point out that Reid was to blame for his inability to play top-level basketball. If he hadn't sat out a year, he would have never lost his skills.

"The thing that really held me back for two years was my knee injury," said Reid. "That's a thing a lot of people forget. I had arthroscopic (surgery) and I tried to come back in three weeks. It kept swelling on me. It wasn't until last summer (1985) that I took the time to rehabilitate my knee fully."

Eventually, he made it back all the way. And even though he found a new position for the latter part of last season, he still spent time at forward. During the NBA Finals, he re-created his finest moment as a player when he guarded Bird for the last 18 minutes of Game 3, limiting the three-time Most Valuable Player to four points. The Rockets won that game, 106-104.

When the 1986-87 season begins, Reid probably will see plenty of playing time at point guard. There still are some skeptics who don't believe he can survive there for an entire season, but that doesn't bother Reid. He's been defying the odds every since he can remember. ■

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Rockets Primed for Takeoff After Postseason Bonanza

By FRAN BLINEBURY

Funny thing about kids. One day they're toddlers who can barely walk, the next day they're standing confident, erect and ready to take the world by storm.

That description certainly applies to the Houston Rockets, who practically grew up overnight and advanced all the way to the 1986 National Basketball Association Finals before losing to the Boston Celtics.

Ever since back-to-back coin-flip successes in the now-defunct draft lottery delivered Ralph Sampson and Akeem Olajuwon to the Houston roster, it has been predicted that the youthful Rockets would one day rule the NBA roost.

But few expected the maturation process to be completed so quickly. Least of all the defending-champion Los Angeles Lakers, who were unceremoniously dumped from their throne in a five-game Western Conference final series.

Suddenly the Lakers, who had been to the NBA Finals four straight years before falling to the Rockets, find themselves on the outside looking in. And it may not be much longer before the rest of the NBA is choking on the Rockets' exhaust.

Houston, it would seem, is the blueprint team of the future. The Rockets are blessed with a potent combination of size, speed, raw athleticism, confidence and, now, a heavy dose of playoff experience.

The Rockets' biggest booster is Olajuwon, the 7-foot Nigerian who has inherited the mantle of most complete center in basketball today.

Just six years after forsaking a career as the world's tallest soccer goalie in his native Lagos, Olajuwon has become an awesome, dominating force at both ends of the floor. He averaged 23.5 points, 11.5 rebounds and 3.4 blocked shots in his second pro season.

To make matters worse for opponents, Olajuwon demonstrates the instinct of all great champions—an insatiable desire to win every time out.

"Why should I be happy with our season?" Olajuwon asked in the moments following the Rockets' championship-round loss in Boston Garden.

"A lot of other people might have been happy just because we got this far in the playoffs. But not me. I came to beat the Celtics. Now we're going to have to come back here next year to do it."

There is good reason to think the Rockets are capable of making that return trip.

For though they sometimes struggled to find themselves during the regular season and didn't clinch the Midwest Division title (with a 51-31 record) until the final week, the Rockets jelled in the playoffs, proving to themselves and the rest of the basketball world that they clearly were the best of the West.



Houston's Twin Towers, Akeem Olajuwon (right) and Ralph Sampson, combine on one of the NBA's most formidable front lines.

Sampson, who averaged 18.9 points and 11.1 rebounds per game, overcame a horrid start last season while learning how to operate at his new power forward position, while Rodney McCray (10.3 points)

showed signs late in the season of finally coming out of his offensive shell. That threesome gives the Rockets a starting front line that can only be matched by the Celtics with Larry Bird, Robert Parish and Kevin McHale.

But the quality doesn't stop there. Forward-center Jim Petersen made key contributions off the bench in the playoffs and the Rockets bolstered their front line even more by drafting Alabama's Buck Johnson, a 6-8 forward with an excellent scoring touch, on the first round.

The big question about Johnson is whether a nagging back injury suffered in last spring's Aloha Classic (he had to miss rookie camp) will inhibit his play. The big question about the Rockets is why they opted for a forward when they still have several problems in their backcourt.

The problems began last March when point guard John Lucas was lost because of a drug problem. Four weeks later, Allen Leavell broke his right hand.

The do-it-all Robert Reid went from being Coach Bill Fitch's valuable sixth man to running the offense. At 6-8, he provided a better defensive presence and possessed enough ball-handling skills to keep the Rockets offense functioning smoothly through the playoffs.

Now, with Lucas gone and Leavell figuring to be no more than a backup, the question is whether Reid can play point guard on a full-time basis, assuming Fitch is willing to give up Reid's versatility at playing guard and forward off the bench.

Second-year man Steve Harris, a first-round 1985 draft pick out of Tulsa, likely holds the key. Harris brought a reputation as a fine shooter to the NBA, but was kept under wraps as a rookie. On the rare occasions when Fitch turned him loose last season, Harris responded as a scorer. Now Fitch is hoping Harris can play the point position as well.

Until he bottomed out with a weak performance in the final series against Boston, Lewis Lloyd (16.9 points per game) was a fixture at the off-guard spot. But the Rockets tried to trade Lloyd during the off-season and have made it clear that he doesn't fit into their long-range plans.

Mitchell Wiggins (6.8 points), who has been in and out of Fitch's doghouse during the last two years, finished strong and likely will be given more leash and increased responsibility at the start of the season.

Add it all up and the Rockets look like the team to beat in the West. They still have a few chores to perform and gaps to fill, but they have made the jump into the NBA's upper echelon well ahead of schedule.

That's the thing about kids. They grow up before you know it ■

Fran Blinebury covers the Houston Rockets for the Houston Chronicle.

VETERAN ROSTER

| No. | Name | Pos. | College |
|-----|-------------------|------|----------------------|
| 3 | Craig Ehlo | G | Washington State '83 |
| 20 | Steve Harris | G | Tulsa '85 |
| 30 | Allen Leavell | G | Oklahoma City '79 |
| 32 | Lewis Lloyd | G | Drake '81 |
| 22 | Rodney McCray | F | Louisville '83 |
| 8 | Hank McDowell | F | Memphis State '81 |
| 34 | Akeem Olajuwon | C | Houston '85 |
| 43 | Jim Petersen | F-C | Minnesota '84 |
| 33 | Robert Reid | F | St. Mary's (Tex) '77 |
| 50 | Ralph Sampson | C | Virginia '83 |
| 31 | Granville Walters | C | Ohio State '83 |
| 15 | Mitchell Wiggins | G | Florida State '83 |

TOP DRAFTEES

| Rd. | Name | Pick | Pos. | College |
|-----|---------------|------|------|---------------|
| 1 | Buck Johnson | 20 | F | Alabama |
| 2 | Dave Felt | 43 | F-C | Texas-El Paso |
| 3 | Anthony Bowie | 66 | F | Oklahoma |

Mavericks Are Good, but Can They Take Next Big Step?

By JAN HUBBARD

When the Dallas Mavericks were born in 1980, their first words were, "We will build through the draft." And true to their promise, they stockpiled No. 1 draft choices like a fat squirrel preparing for a long, hard winter. They preached patience and Dallas fans kept their end of the bargain.

But now, six years later, that patience is wearing a little thin. The Mavericks have risen dramatically from the embers of their inaugural 15-win season, but fans, team officials and players all agree that there has to be more. The team has posted consecutive 43, 44, and 44-win seasons without addressing the key, underlying question—how can it penetrate that elite inner circle?

Take a gamble, perhaps. And that's exactly what the Mavs front office planned to do during the off-season. But nothing worked out and Dallas fans will see the same cast of players that recorded a third-place finish last season in the rugged Midwest Division. That could be the biggest gamble of all.

The critical figure in Dallas' off-season trade talks was controversial Mark Aguirre. The high-scoring forward had indirectly criticized the offense of Coach Dick Motta after the 1985-86 season. Aguirre said he wanted to "flourish" and that couldn't happen in Dallas. The Mavericks tried to find another city in which Aguirre could flourish, but quickly discovered that his market value was low.

To get an impact player, teams wanted Aguirre and two other players or draft choices. As a result, the Mavericks decided to protect their investment, despite repeated battles between Aguirre and Motta during their five years together. When Motta was asked whether he would be comfortable with Aguirre returning, he said, "I'm about half-comfortable most of the time."

There's no question that Aguirre can light up the scoreboard. He averaged 22.6 points per game last season, which placed him 12th in the NBA. But not all of his contributions are positive. During a December game in Atlanta, he refused to play in the second half, which resulted in a two-game suspension. It also resulted in a tremendous distraction for the franchise and Aguirre's teammates.

More encouraging for the fans, who filled the 17,007-seat Reunion Arena to more than 99 percent capacity for the team's 41 home dates last season, is the return of Rolando Blackman, who is coming off his second consecutive All-Star season. Blackman averaged 21.5 points and seems destined to enter the upper echelon of NBA off-guards this season, if he isn't already there.

The Mavericks expect continued improvement from third-year forward Sam



The arrival of 7-foot-2 center James Donaldson last season gave Dallas a size dimension it had never before enjoyed.

Perkins, who averaged 15.4 points and 8.6 rebounds. And they were encouraged last season by the performance of center James Donaldson, the first Dallas player ever to finish in the top 10 in rebounding (9.6 per game, No. 9).

Donaldson came to the Mavericks early in the season from the Los Angeles Clippers in exchange for Kurt Nimphius. He moved right into the starting lineup and his 7-foot-2, 278-pound frame gave the Mavericks a dimension at center they never before had enjoyed. Donaldson improved dramatically throughout the season and should continue that trend in 1986-87.

So should fourth-year point guard Derek Harper, who took over as a starter for Brad Davis at midseason. Harper averaged 12.2 points and 5.3 assists in the regular season, but really played well in

the conference semifinal playoff series against the Los Angeles Lakers. Matched against Magic Johnson, Harper averaged 18.8 points, 10.3 assists and made 63 percent of his shots.

The Mavericks did make one off-season move, trading Dale Ellis (fourth among Dallas forwards in minutes played) to Seattle for Al Wood, who is expected to be the fourth guard.

Wood has a lot in common with the rest of the Mavericks players on the roster. Counting top 1986 draft pick Roy Tarpley of Michigan, the Mavericks have eight of their own No. 1 draft choices on the team. Wood and Davis were No. 1 picks by Atlanta and the Lakers, respectively. The only non-No. 1 pick is Donaldson, who was drafted on the fourth round by Seattle.

But has building through the draft worked? Can the Mavericks go beyond being a 44-victory team?

"We've taken the approach that we are good, trying to get great," said Mavericks Director of Player Personnel Rick Sund. "And how we are going to get there is hopefully from within. Our guys are now reaching the prime of their careers. We played real good basketball in the playoffs, so maybe they've come of age. Maybe the chemistry of them playing together for another year will get us over the hump from good to great."

Maybe—that seems to be the buzzword in the Mavericks' offices as the 1986-87 season begins. ■

Jan Hubbard covers the Dallas Mavericks for the Dallas Morning News.

VETERAN ROSTER

| No. | Name | Pos. | College |
|-----|-----------------|------|----------------------|
| 24 | Mark Aguirre | F | DePaul '82 |
| 33 | Uwe Blab | C | Indiana '85 |
| 22 | R. Blackman | G | Kansas State '81 |
| 15 | Brad Davis | G | Maryland '78 |
| 40 | James Donaldson | C | Washington State '79 |
| 12 | Derek Harper | G | Illinois '84 |
| 41 | Sam Perkins | F | North Carolina '84 |
| 32 | Detlef Schrempf | F | Washington '85 |
| 23 | Bill Wennington | C | St. John's '85 |
| | —Al Wood | G | North Carolina '81 |

TOP DRAFTEES

| Rd. | Name | Pick | Pos. | College |
|-----|---------------|------|------|------------|
| 1 | Roy Tarpley | 7 | F-C | Michigan |
| 2 | MIT Wagner | 35 | G | Louisville |
| 3 | Anthony Weich | 62 | F | Illinois |

Nuggets Are on Right Track As They Try to Catch Rockets

By KEVIN SIMPSON

Fans in cities throughout the National Basketball Association regard the draft as an annual rite of renewal, replenishment and rebirth. It's a time for new blood, an injection of hope, an investment in the future.

At least that's what it should be. Some teams, however, have turned it into an exercise in futility. And that's no laughing matter for fans who hunger for division titles and NBA championships.

Take the Denver Nuggets. Few No. 1 selections in the team's 10-year NBA history have made a major impact on the team's success. Since 1980, the team has made such first-round selections as James Ray, Carl Nicks, Rob Williams and Howard Carter. Twice during this period (1981 and 1984) Denver did not have a first-round pick because of trades.

Futility!

But, suddenly, the trend seems to be reversing. In 1985, the Nuggets selected Blair Rasmussen, a 7-footer with a nice shooting touch. Denver fans shrugged their shoulders and scratched their heads when management labeled the youngster a "project," but the former Oregon star, the only player on last season's roster to have been acquired through the draft, provided a late-season indication that maybe, just maybe, history would not repeat itself. That indication came during Denver's playoff series against Portland, when Rasmussen, forced into a starting role, scored 26 points.

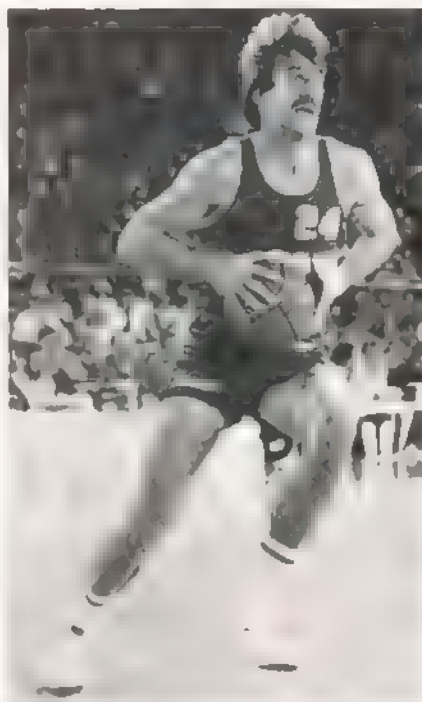
So, spurred by that glimmer of hope, the Nuggets jumped into the 1986 draft and came away with a pair of first-rounders that, on paper at least, look like the real items.

Denver shopped carefully and selected Maurice Martin, a big guard from St. Joseph's, with the No. 16 pick and then followed that up by grabbing reliable Duke forward Mark Alarie with the 18th selection.

The bad news for Denver fans is that the two youngsters probably won't play much this season. The good news is that they won't have to.

"You play your rookies if you don't have a good team and you have to play them," said Coach Doug Moe, who has played enough rookies to know. "If you play them, you're going to get your butt beat. Dallas played its rookies early last year and (Coach Dick) Motta still regrets it."

If that doesn't sound like a ringing endorsement of what figures to be one of Denver's best drafts in years, remember that Moe wasn't overly excited by Kiki Vandeweghe during his rookie year, either. Wayman Tisdale, he points out, was supposed to be the Second Coming last season but did little to help Indiana win. Xavier McDaniel logged enough minutes



Bill Hanzlik has developed into one of the top defensive guards in the NBA.

in Seattle to contend for rookie-of-the-year honors while the Sonics lost as many games as they had the year before.

Moe, determined not to get excited over a couple of unproven kids, sizes up the new talent this way: Martin has raw ability but lacks toughness; Alarie has no raw ability and some know-how.

Moe was not enamored when Martin, after laying off basketball completely for almost three months while his contract was being negotiated, showed up at rookie camp embarrassingly out of shape.

Reflecting typical draft-day giddiness, there was some talk that Martin could replace veteran T.R. Dunn, the NBA's least offensive guard, in the starting lineup. Guess again.

"He's not going to take T.R.'s place," insists Moe. "Everybody keeps saying that, yet we keep surprising teams that

are supposed to be passing us and T.R. is one of the reasons.

"People don't understand that even though T.R. doesn't score, he shuts down the other team's scoring guard, and that takes the confidence out of a team when their star is struggling. He'd better be a hell of a player to beat T.R. out."

How much of a contribution Denver's sudden youth movement makes, though, will be determined largely by the ailing knees of forward Calvin Natt. Injury, arthritis and Natt's trademark physical style have put too many hard miles on those legs to withstand any more seasons of 30 minutes per game.

Moe has gone so far as to speculate on placing Rasmussen in the starting lineup at a forward position and bringing Natt off the bench—a possibility Natt endorses if it means a prolonged career.

"I wouldn't think of it except for Calvin's health," Moe said. "He's so important as far as our toughness. He's changed the character of our team. Against Utah and Dallas, we used to get run over by Dantley and Aguirre. Not anymore."

Denver's latest infusion of young talent does have its downside. For the first time in memory, Moe has some tough choices to make in trimming his roster. Guard Willie White was given permission to attend Indiana's training camp to look for a new job, but at least one more holdover from last season will have to go to make room for the two rookies with guaranteed contracts.

Veterans Mike Evans (31 years old) and Elston Turner (27), who suffered through an injury plagued season, both need strong training camps to beat back the tide of youth. Forward Pete Williams, a defensive whiz with too little offense, may need more than that.

Up front, there's not much for Denver to worry about.

Center Wayne Cooper (13.1 points per game, 7.8 rebounds) will return with Danny Schayes (8.2 points, 5.5 rebounds) and possibly Rasmussen as his backups. Bill Hanzlik (12.5 points) will join Dunn in the backcourt.

Alex English, who made his cinematic debut over the summer with the filming of "Amazing Grace and Chuck," will handle the other forward position. English played a Boston Celtic in the movie but will continue to be an exponent of Moe's free-lance offense in real life. The 6-8 scoring machine averaged 29.8 points last season, the third-best figure in the league.

The Nuggets should continue to be a force in the rugged Midwest Division in 1986-87, but the big question around Denver concerns how the new draftees will respond.

"You just can't tell," said Moe, "until you see them against the big boys."

Kevin Simpson covers the Denver Nuggets for the Denver Post.

VETERAN ROSTER

| No. | Name | Pos. | College |
|-----|-----------------|------|--------------------|
| 42 | Wayne Cooper | C | New Orleans '78 |
| 23 | T.R. Dunn | G | Alabama '77 |
| 2 | Alex English | F | South Carolina '76 |
| 5 | Mike Evans | G | Kansas State '78 |
| 24 | Bill Hanzlik | G | Notre Dame '80 |
| 12 | Lafayette Lever | F | Arizona State '82 |
| 33 | Calvin Natt | G | N.E. Louisiana '79 |
| 41 | Blair Rasmussen | C | Oregon '85 |
| 34 | Danny Schayes | C | Syracuse '81 |
| 20 | Elston Turner | G | Mississippi '81 |
| 31 | Pete Williams | F | Arizona '85 |

TOP DRAFTEES

| Rd. | Name | Pick | Pos. | College |
|-----|----------------|------|------|-----------------|
| 1 | Maurice Martin | 16 | F | St. Joseph's |
| 1 | Mark Alarie | 18 | F | Duke |
| 2 | Clis Smith | 41 | G | Jacksonville |
| 3 | Don Redden | 64 | F | Louisiana State |

The Post-Dantley Era Begins As Utah Seeks Team Harmony

By LEX HEMPHILL

The Utah Jazz may now begin counting the years A.D.—After Adrian Dantley.

Throughout the team's first seven years in Salt Lake City, the Jazz has been defined by and identified with Dantley, a six-time All-Star and a two-time National Basketball Association scoring champion who has averaged at least 26 points per game in each of the last seven years.

But the club was becoming more aware of another interesting set of numbers in the Dantley file. In road games over the last two seasons, Utah was 11-10 in games played without Dantley and 19-42 with him. Could it be that the Jazz would be better without Dantley?

We'll know soon because the 6-foot-5 forward was shipped to Detroit for forward Kelly Tripucka and forward-center Kent Benson last summer.

Ah, Detroit. Dantley may remember the last time he played there. It was last February, and the Jazz had just played a flat fourth quarter and gotten squashed by the Pistons. After the game, Jazz Coach-General Manager Frank Layden gave Dantley and the team one of his more animated tongue-lashings and told them to "earn winning."

The animosity between the two men, which had been growing ever since Dantley held out in a contract dispute in the fall of 1984, simmered for a couple of weeks after that Detroit game. Then in early March, an enraged Layden sent Dantley home during a road trip after a locker-room tiff in Phoenix. With 18 games left to play, Layden wanted Dantley gone for the rest of the season, but management wouldn't have it. So, the two coexisted through the last month of the season.

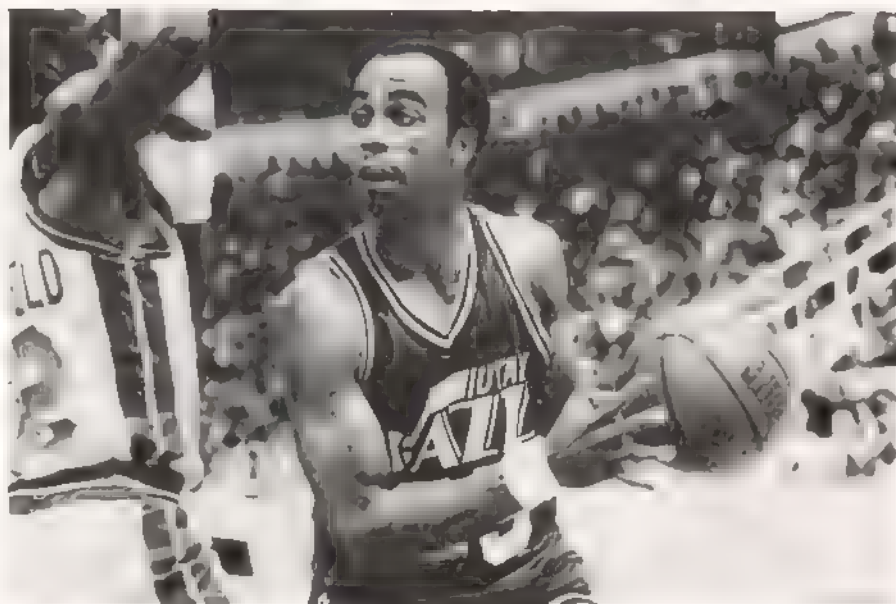
Now that Dantley and Layden need not coexist anymore, there should be less tension surrounding the Jazz.

"We'll be a lot happier team—not just the coaching staff, but everybody," Layden said.

Team happiness, better ball distribution, Tripucka's outside shooting, the return of guard Darrell Griffith and some genuine backup center help from Benson may give the Jazz what it takes to reach the coveted 50-victory level after three years of about .500 ball.

No one in the Jazz organization wants to take that step to the next plateau more than Larry Miller, the loquacious Utah car dealer who bought out longtime owner Sam Battistone in June. At the press conference announcing the sale, Miller boldly declared that he thought the club could win 52 games this year.

Miller already has shown that he will be anything but a complacent owner. He had barely bought out Battistone, thus keeping the club from being moved to



Darrell Griffith, who sat out last season with a stress fracture in his foot, will be asked to carry more of Utah's scoring load.

Minnesota, when he set out to sign free agent Julius Erving to an offer sheet. Erving opted to stay in Philadelphia, but the new owner's aggressiveness was totally uncharacteristic of the frugal Jazz. The whole episode merely underscored the notion that Miller means business.

"Larry has helped us take so much more of an aggressive stance in terms of 'What do we do next?' or 'How do we improve ourselves?'" Jazz President David Checketts said.

While the Erving pursuit doesn't necessarily guarantee a drastic departure from the Jazz's cautious fiscal ways, Miller has chosen to follow the example set by the NBA champion Celtics, who like to keep their core players signed to long-term contracts. Over the summer, the Jazz signed several veterans—Griffith, forward Thurl Bailey and guards John Stockton and Bob Hansen—to contracts of four years or longer. Add in 7-4 center Mark Eaton and Tripucka, and Utah has six players tied up for at least the next

four years.

Obviously, the Jazz brass thinks the team can win with these players, and there is reason to believe they can. After all, they had a winning season last year (42-40) with a scoring deficiency at off-guard Hansen did a nice job of plugging the hole while Griffith sat out the year with a stress fracture in his left foot. With the return of Griffith, who has averaged 21 points per game in five NBA seasons, plus the addition of first-round draft choice Dell Curry, that spot should be a strong point for the Jazz this year. Contending for the other starting guard spot are Stockton and Rickey Green, who split time last year.

Up front, Utah has the league's best defensive center in Eaton, who ranked second in the league in blocked shots after leading the league the previous two years. Karl Malone, a member of the NBA all-rookie team, is a budding force at power forward, while 6-11 Bailey is a versatile sixth man.

At small forward, Tripucka won't give the Jazz the inside scoring that Dantley did, but he'll give the team better perimeter shooting. On a 48-minute projection, his rebound and assist totals were virtually the same as Dantley's last winter.

The Jazz lacked effective veteran leadership last year, but with Dantley gone and Griffith returning, improvement should come in that area, too. The club also can expect happier leadership from Layden, who is the most relieved man in Utah now that the Dantley era is over.

Now Layden must prove that his disgruntlement with Dantley was warranted. Utah has to win. ■

Lex Hemphill covers the Utah Jazz for the Salt Lake Tribune.

VETERAN ROSTER

| No. | Name | Pos. | College |
|-----|------------------|------|-----------------------|
| 41 | Thurl Bailey | F-C | North Carolina St '83 |
| | Kent Benson | F-C | Indiana '77 |
| 45 | Jeff Cook | F-C | Idaho State '78 |
| 53 | Mark Eaton | C | UCLA '79 |
| 14 | Rickey Green | G | Michigan '77 |
| 35 | Darrell Griffith | G | Louisville '80 |
| 20 | Bob Hansen | G | Iowa '83 |
| 50 | Steve Hayes | C | Idaho State '77 |
| 43 | Marc Javaroni | F | Virginia '78 |
| 32 | Karl Malone | F | Louisiana Tech '86 |
| 33 | Fred Roberts | F | Brigham Young '82 |
| 22 | Carey Scurry | F | Long Island '85 |
| 12 | John Stockton | G | Gonzaga '84 |
| | Kelly Tripucka | F | Notre Dame '81 |

TOP DRAFTEES

| Rd. | Name | Pick | Pos. | College |
|-----|---------------|------|------|----------------|
| 1 | Dell Curry | 15 | G | Virginia Tech |
| 3 | John Shasky | 61 | C | Minnesota |
| 3 | Bill Breeding | 63 | C | Rocky Mountain |

Basketball-Crazy Fans Give Kings Reason for Optimism

By JOE HAMELIN

It was like this in Sacramento last fall: Adrian Dantley scores 36 points, Utah wins, and afterward Dantley is interviewed on the public-address system at midcourt. When he gets up to leave, the Sacramento crowd, which has made no move for the parking lot, gives him the sort of standing ovation Larry Bird gets after big nights in Boston.

Dantley is so touched that he grabs the microphone and blurts, "Hey, I'm sorry!"

It was enough back then, in this swelling community of nearly 1.2 million, just to have a pro team. Living in San Francisco's 90-mile-long shadow with no big-league teams of their own, residents of Sacramento had always thought of their town—at least in terms of pro sports—as a suburb.

Then came the Kings. Up went a spiffy interim building to seat 10,333 (a bigger one is planned for next season), and it was filled every night. Civic pride can be powerful stuff.

No longer was George Deukmejian's the only autograph in town worth pursuing. With the arrival of the Kings, hotels were filled with Birds and Dantleys and Abdul-Jabbar, all of whom were welcomed in the California capital like passing-through royalty.

Sacramento soon became the other clubs' favorite town.

And that, Coach Phil Johnson said, was much of the problem at first.

The Kings, he said, were unaccustomed to big, noisy crowds, having just abandoned Kansas City, where games resembled a church service. There was electricity in their new arena, but it was largely impartial, and it lifted the other guys as much as the Kings.

Through December, Johnson's club was 6-8 at home (9-22 overall), apparently going nowhere.

But the club and its crowds soon adjusted. After that point, the Kings were 28-23 (19-8 at home) and made the playoffs, falling 3-0 to Houston in the first round.

The first game after the All-Star break was pivotal. The Kings beat visiting Boston that night as Larry Bird missed two free throws in the game's final minute with the crowd on its feet, waving arms, raising all kinds of hell. That episode taught the local fans that you can intimidate (or, at least, distract) anyone.

And after that, the crowd became a loud, raucous ally instead of a witness.

So there's that to encourage the Kings as they set out with the goal, as articulated by General Manager Joe Axelson, of "hosting the first round of the playoffs." The 37 victories represented a six-game improvement, and the club sold out all year long, so you can understand Axelson's big smile.

The question a year ago was whether



Joe Kleine is part of what Sacramento fans hope will be a potent 1-2 punch at center.

guards Reggie Theus and Larry Drew could cope with one another. That situation resolved itself as Theus averaged 18.3 points and 9.6 assists per game, the latter figure ranking third in the league, while Drew became an understudy with tendini-

tis-sore knees. Then last summer, Drew and Mike Woodson, who replaced Drew in the starting lineup, were traded to the Los Angeles Clippers. In return the Kings got guard Derek Smith, who averaged 23.5 points in a season that was limited to 11 games because of a knee injury, guard Franklin Edwards and swingman Junior Bridgeman. Smith will join Theus to form a tall backcourt, with Edwards and Bridgeman coming off the bench.

"I love Reggie's game," Smith said. "Together, we've got as much size and experience as any backcourt in the league. We should be second to none."

Smith said he is looking forward to playing in Sacramento.

"I was there twice last season, and I got goose bumps just sitting in there," he said. "The crowd is amazing. I'll get to have goose bumps at least 41 times next season."

Up front, Axelson was confident that he could re-sign free-agent forward Eddie Johnson, the Kings' leading scorer (18.7) despite starting only 30 games, and center LaSalle Thompson. Johnson would join forwards Mark Olberding and Terry Tyler, who was acquired last November from Detroit and fueled the Kings' turnaround with a sound nightly effort defensively, as likely starters. Olberding, however, is coming off a season in which he averaged only 7.6 points, his lowest output in 10 NBA seasons.

For power forward Otis Thorpe, this is "the year of decision," as assistant coach Frank Hamblen put it. Thorpe had an inconsistent second season, averaging only 9.9 points.

In 6-foot-10 Thompson and 6-11 Joe Kleine, Axelson hopes he has the same 1-2 punch at center that Sam Lacey and Tom Burleson provided a few years ago. Thompson improved his point production for the third straight season while averaging 29.7 minutes. Kleine showed flashes of brilliance but overall was a disappointment.

The Kings' problem is statistically obvious. They blocked 90 fewer shots than their opponents, gave up 271 more free throws, managed 149 fewer steals and yielded 252 more points (3.1 per game).

In a word, the problem is defense. That is why Axelson drafted Villanova forward Harold Pressley in the first round, why Tyler made such an impact and why hosting the first round of the playoffs is an ambitious goal for this club.

Yet the Kings raised their ticket prices substantially. The season-ticket holders howled. Ah, but did the people of Sacramento dig down and renew? Silly question. There's a waiting list.

A second consecutive sellout season is assured. If the Kings don't improve, their fans will deserve another apology. ■

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VETERAN ROSTER

| No. | Name | Pos. | College |
|-----|----------------|------|---------------------|
| 10 | Mike Bratz | G | Stanford '77 |
| | J. Bridgeman | G-F | Louisville '75 |
| | F. Edwards | G | Cleveland State '81 |
| 8 | Eddie Johnson | F | Illinois '81 |
| 50 | Rich Kelley | F-C | Stanford '75 |
| 35 | Joe Kleine | C-F | Arkansas '85 |
| 53 | Mark Olberding | F | Minnesota '75 |
| | Derek Smith | G-F | Louisville '82 |
| | Brook Steppe | G | Georgia Tech '82 |
| 24 | Reggie Theus | G | Nevada-L V '79 |
| 41 | L. Thompson | C | Texas '83 |
| 33 | Otis Thorpe | F | Providence '84 |
| 40 | Terry Tyler | F | Detroit '78 |

TOP DRAFTEES

| Rd. | Name | Pick | Pos. | College |
|-----|-----------------|------|------|------------|
| 1 | Harold Pressley | 17 | F | Villanova |
| 2 | Johnny Rogers | 34 | F-C | Cal-Irvine |
| 3 | Bruce Douglas | 57 | G | Illinois |

Robertson Forms the Nucleus For Spurs' 'New Beginning'

By KEVIN O'KEEFE

The 1986-87 National Basketball Association season will be "A New Beginning" for the San Antonio Spurs. At least that's what the season-ticket slogans say.

"It better be" might well be the response of the South Texas fans who have revered the Spurs since their arrival as a member of the American Basketball Association in the fall of 1973.

They weren't very good then, but some key trades by team President Angelo Drossos turned things around. The acquisition of such stars as George Gervin, Larry Kenon, Billy Paultz and Mike Gale lifted the Spurs over the top and to the forefront of the NBA.

Using that nucleus, the Spurs won a pair of Central Division titles, making the NBA's final four in the spring of 1979, and then captured three straight Midwest Division titles in the early 1980s after acquiring big man Artis Gilmore and forward Mike Mitchell. San Antonio reached the NBA's final four in 1982 and '83 but never was able to scale the next plateau.

The inevitable slide began in 1983-84 when the Spurs struggled to a 37-45 record. They followed that with a 41-41 campaign before last year's 35-47 mark—the worst record in franchise history.

Adding to the pain was the total humiliation suffered at the hands of the Los Angeles Lakers in the opening round of the playoffs. The Lakers swept the three-game series, beating the Spurs by a combined 95 points.

By season's end, attendance had dropped to about 8,000 per game and no longer was the HemisFair Arena the noisiest in pro basketball.

So, which way to "A New Beginning?"

1. Fire the coach

The Spurs unloaded Cotton Fitzsimmons, a man whose brusque tone and cocky manner alienated their fans. Fitzsimmons rivaled Santa Ana on the San Antonio popularity charts.

Fitzsimmons arrived in the summer of '84 and quickly dismantled the former Midwest Division power. That was not a bad idea, but the trick was in putting the team back together.

His most controversial move came when he sent Gervin, The Franchise, to Chicago for David Greenwood. Gervin, the most popular player in San Antonio history and a four-time NBA scoring champion, simply could not get along with the new coach. Fitzsimmons' greatest success was the development of guard Alvin Robertson. The Franchise II.

Teaming last season with Johnny Moore in the backcourt, Robertson sparked the Spurs to a 17-12 start. The "Twin Terrors" were respected as the best defensive backcourt in the NBA, with



Talented guard Alvin Robertson is the centerpiece for San Antonio's 'New Beginning.'

Robertson leading the league in steals (3.67 per game) while earning Defensive Player of the Year honors.

The roof caved in, however, when Moore was stricken by a rare form of meningitis (Desert Fever) and was lost for the season. His career remains in jeopardy.

Drossos acted quickly after the season, firing Fitzsimmons and hiring Dallas Mavericks assistant Bobby Weiss, who has studied at Dick Motta's side for the past six years.

The low-key Weiss plans to use a running style of basketball that should bring the patrons back.

2. New ownership.

VETERAN ROSTER

| No. | Name | Pos. | College |
|-----|-----------------|------|--------------------|
| 40 | Mike Brittan | C | South Carolina '85 |
| 23 | Tyrone Corbin | G-F | DePaul '85 |
| 53 | Artis Gilmore | C | Jacksonville '71 |
| 10 | David Greenwood | F | UCLA '79 |
| 6 | A. Hughes | G-F | Loyola (Ill.) '85 |
| 1 | Wes Matthews | G | Wisconsin '81 |
| 34 | Mike Mitchell | F | Auburn '78 |
| 00 | Johnny Moore | G | Texas '79 |
| | Ed Neely | F | Kansas State '82 |
| 21 | Alvin Robertson | G | Arkansas '84 |
| 20 | Jon Sundvold | G | Missouri '83 |
| 43 | M. Thompson | C-F | Minnesota '78 |

TOP DRAFTEES

| Rd. | Name | Pick | Pos. | College |
|-----|------------------|------|------|------------------|
| 1 | Johnny Dawkins | 10 | G | Duke |
| 2 | L. Krystkowiak | 28 | F | Montana |
| 2 | Kevin Duckworth | 33 | C | Eastern Illinois |
| 3 | Forrest McKenzie | 48 | F | Loyola (Cal.) |

*San Antonio acquired draft rights to Krystkowiak and center-forward Mychal Thompson from Portland in exchange for center-forward Steve Johnson.

B.J. (Red) McCombs, a South Texas entrepreneur who was the driving force in signing Gervin and Swen Nater while a part owner of the Spurs in the early 1970s, will be active again in the franchise.

McCombs, former owner of the Denver Nuggets, turned that franchise around before selling it for a handsome (a reported \$10 million) profit. He's never been associated with anything that wasn't successful.

3. A good draft.

Picking 10th in the NBA draft, the Spurs surprised observers when they passed over Louisiana State forward John Williams to select Duke guard Johnny Dawkins.

Drossos believes the 6-foot-2 Dawkins is a can't-miss player who will solidify the backcourt.

4. Sign Robertson to a long-term contract.

Robertson, the 6-3 guard from Arkansas who started in the NBA All-Star Game last year, signed a six-year, \$3.6-million contract last summer. It was the first time that Spurs management had approached a player about renegotiating a contract and represented a dramatic change from several of the contract wars of past years.

"A New Beginning."

5. Make a big trade.

Forward Steve Johnson, an effective inside player when he wasn't hurt or in foul trouble, was shipped to Portland for center Mychal Thompson, whose lackadaisical attitude helped expedite Jack Ramsay's hair loss and exodus from the Portland coaching job.

The Spurs are hoping that Thompson, who averaged 14.7 points and 7.4 rebounds per game with the Blazers last year, will respond to the change of address.

Another important acquisition was Larry Krystkowiak, a 6-9 power forward from Montana. Krystkowiak, a second-round draftee by Chicago, was traded to Portland before coming to San Antonio in the Thompson deal.

Veteran forward Mitchell, whose 23.4 points per game led the Spurs in 1985-86, returns along with Greenwood, who must improve on his 7.9 points and 7.8 rebounds per game.

The 7-2 Gilmore, who will turn 37 before the season begins, should continue to man the center. He averaged 16.7 points and 8.5 rebounds last season, but suffered through a tough playoff series against the Lakers. Behind Gilmore and Thompson is second-round draft choice Kevin Duckworth, a 6-11, 300-pounder from Eastern Illinois who probably is a project for the future.

Wes Matthews, who averaged 10.9 points last season while filling in after Moore's departure, will provide support in the backcourt. ■

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Lakers Would Love to Give Kareem a Going-Away Present

By SAM McMANIS

Because Kareem Abdul-Jabbar swears this will absolutely, positively be the final season of his celebrated National Basketball Association career, the Los Angeles Lakers will enter the 1986-87 campaign with two major goals:

First, to help their talented big man to go out with a winner; second, to find a replacement who will be able to step in immediately.

But what transpired last season could be an indication that it will be difficult for the Lakers to achieve either of those quests. The feeling throughout the league is that the Lakers' Western Conference domination ended when the young and talented Houston Rockets shockingly dispatched the defending NBA champs in the Game 5 conclusion to the conference finals.

As a result, an off-season that began earlier than anyone expected was filled with trade rumors and thoughts of major changes.

All-Star forward James Worthy was the center of trade talks. One rumor had him going to Dallas for Mark Aguirre, the Mavericks' talented-but-troubled forward, and center Roy Tarpley, Dallas' top draft pick out of Michigan. Another had him going to Indiana for either Herb Williams or Steve Stipanovich. Other rumors had the Lakers willing to package three or four players for a center.

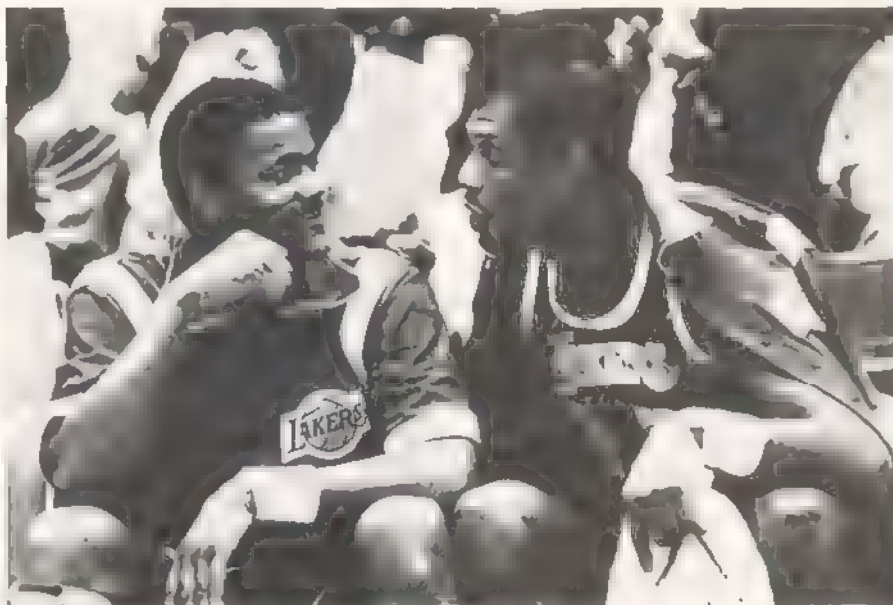
One or more trades still might transpire, but General Manager Jerry West said he believes the Lakers can achieve both of their goals without dismantling a team that captured two NBA championships while advancing to the NBA finals four straight years before last season's ouster. Even so, the 1985-86 Lakers won 62 games and the Pacific Division title.

"We don't want to destroy something very good for something someone else thinks is good," West said. "All I will say is that we had a few talks about James Worthy, but we believe he is one of the best small forwards in basketball."

The Lakers already have made a few minor changes. They traded veteran guard Mike McGee and first-round draft pick Ken Barlow of Notre Dame to the Atlanta Hawks for the first-round draft rights to 6-foot-8 Louisville forward Billy Thompson and Kansas guard-forward Ron Kellogg.

"We hated to lose Mike McGee (83 points per game last season), but this deal was too good a deal for us," West said. "We obviously feel that Billy Thompson is a player who could be a very fine player for us."

Thompson, who averaged 14.9 points last season, is versatile enough to play either small or power forward. West says he could even be used as a big guard.



Maurice Lucas (left) and Kareem Abdul-Jabbar are the grizzled veterans of the Los Angeles Lakers' talented cast.

One position Thompson cannot play, however, is center. Both West and Lakers Coach Pat Riley say the club still is looking for Abdul-Jabbar's replacement.

"It's obvious we do have to get long and tall, and the draft showed that," Riley said. "But we're not going to destroy the team to get that way. These things are not done overnight."

And, likewise, championship-caliber teams do not fall into disarray overnight.

The Lakers enter the 1986-87 season with Abdul-Jabbar, Magic Johnson, Worthy, Byron Scott, Kurt Rambis, Maurice Lucas and A.C. Green. That's not a bad core. And Johnson, the team's driving force, is ready and willing to change his game so that the Lakers can remain near the top of the NBA's power structure.

"I think I have to open it up for the team," Johnson said. "Be more selfish."

What Johnson means is shoot more, which is what Riley wanted him to do last

spring. Johnson wasn't too excited about the prospect then, but has since decided that it might be a good idea.

It's been so long since I've played that way, it's tough," Johnson said. "Last season, I picked it up for a while, then I went back to my old (unselfish) ways."

Johnson also provides another reason why he believes the Lakers will rebound in 1986-87.

"Last season, the pressure was on us (as defending champions)," Johnson said. "The weight will be on (the Celtics) this season. Let's see what they do with it."

"It's time for us to prove we can come back. Three or four times, we've proved it already. We'll be back."

Johnson is a good reason why the Lakers will continue to win. The premier floor leader in the NBA led the league in assists last season (12.6 per game) while averaging 18.8 points and 5.9 rebounds. He is the man who puts the go in the Lakers' vaunted fast break.

Abdul-Jabbar (23.4 points, 6.1 rebounds) and Worthy (20 points, 5.2 rebounds) handle the bulk of the inside work with quality role players Rambis, Lucas, Green and Mitch Kupchak filling the cracks. Scott (15.4 points per game) fills the other guard position with underrated Michael Cooper (9.2 points) capable of playing point guard or small forward. Thompson should give Riley added depth and maneuverability.

"We've always come back from losing since I've been here, and we'll be back this year," Johnson said. "This is Kareem's last year. We're going to want to win it for him. Somebody is going to be in trouble."

Sam McManis covers the Los Angeles Lakers for the Los Angeles Times.

VETERAN ROSTER

| No. | Name | Pos. | College |
|-----|-----------------|------|--------------------|
| 33 | K. Abdul-Jabbar | C | JCTA '69 |
| 21 | Michael Cooper | G-F | New Mexico '78 |
| 45 | A.C. Green | F | Oregon State '85 |
| | P. Gudmundsson | C | Washington '81 |
| 32 | Magic Johnson | G | Michigan State '83 |
| 25 | Mitch Kupchak | F | North Carolina '76 |
| 12 | Ronnie Lester | G | Iowa '80 |
| 20 | Maurice Lucas | F | Marquette '74 |
| 31 | Kurt Rambis | F | Santa Clara '80 |
| 4 | Byron Scott | G | Arizona State '84 |
| 35 | Larry Spriggs | F | Howard '81 |
| 42 | James Worthy | F | North Carolina '83 |

TOP DRAFTTEES

| Rd. | Name | Pick | Pos. | College |
|-----|----------------|------|------|---------------|
| 1 | Billy Thompson | 19 | F | Louisville |
| 2 | Ron Kellogg | 42 | F | Kansas |
| 3 | Andre Turner | 69 | G | Memphis State |

LA Lakers acquired draft rights to Thompson and Kellogg from Atlanta in exchange for guard Mike McGee and draft rights to Ken Barlow.

Blazers Hope to Regain Form After Big Off-Season Makeover

By STEVE DUIN

Rarely has a team's reach so far exceeded its grasp. The Portland Trail Blazers, reaching for the top of the Pacific Division last season, finally grasped just how mediocre they have become.

Touted far, wide and in-house as a challenger to the Los Angeles Lakers' reign atop the National Basketball Association's weakest division, the Blazers finished in second place, 22 games behind the Lakers and two games under .500.

They lost 12 straight games at midseason, the longest losing streak in the league last year. They entered postseason play with the best home playoff record of any active franchise, then exited with two embarrassing home-court losses to Denver. The Blazers were docile on defense, fragile in the middle and inconsistent through a long, painful season.

They crashed and burned. The victims at the scene included three Portland landmarks who had given a total of 33 years to the franchise: Coach Jack Ramsay, who was fired in May; General Manager Stu Inman, who ducked quietly out of town in December and joined the Milwaukee Bucks, and Mychal Thompson, who was traded to San Antonio in June.

Sill missing is any reason to believe the Blazers have improved themselves significantly for the 1986-87 season.

The club certainly spared no muss, fuss or cosmetics in its off-season makeover. Ramsay, who compiled a 453-367 record during his 10 seasons in Portland, was replaced by former Bucks assistant Mike Schuler, who promised Milwaukee's work ethic would replace the nonchalant Blazer defense played in 1985-86.

Thompson was shipped to San Antonio for Steve Johnson, a journeyman post player. Third-year guard Steve Colter was traded to Chicago, thus passing the reins of the Trail Blazers offense to second-year point guard Terry Porter. On draft day, Portland went on a whirlwind international shopping spree, picking the Soviet Union's 7-foot-2 Arvidas Sabonis, Yugoslavia's Dragan Petrovic and Greece's Panagiotis Fasoulas. They topped that off by signing a Spaniard, 6-9 Fernando Martin.

The offshoot of all those field maneuvers? Sabonis is still in Mother Russia, Petrovic is still in Brother Yugoslavia and the Blazers are still in dire straits.

Exhibit A: Clyde Drexler, his psyche still tender after last year's stress fracture of one of his magnificent legs, is the NBA All-Star at the center of things, the incentive for the Blazers to run at every opportunity. He averaged 18.5 points and 5.6 rebounds last year and was second in the league in steals (2.63 per game). But no one other than Thompson, whose comic perspective will be sorely missed, still mistakes Drexler for Michael Jordan. A



Sam Bowie, who has fought health problems throughout his two-year NBA career, will try to give Portland an injury-free season.

fair outside shooter at best, Clyde the Glide often struggles when the game is anywhere but in transition, forcing shots and throwing interceptions in traffic.

VETERAN ROSTER

| No. | Name | Pos. | College |
|-----|-----------------|------|------------------------|
| 31 | Sam Bowie | C | Kentucky '84 |
| 34 | Kenny Carr | F | North Carolina St. '78 |
| 22 | Clyde Drexler | G-F | Houston '84 |
| | Michael Holton | G | UCLA '82 |
| 00 | Ken Johnson | F | Michigan State '85 |
| | Steve Johnson | C-F | Oregon State '81 |
| 27 | Caldwell Jones | C | Albany St. (Ga.) '73 |
| 25 | Jerome Kersey | F | Longwood (Va.) '84 |
| 4 | Jim Paxson | F-G | Dayton '79 |
| 30 | Terry Porter | G | Wisc.-Stevens Pl. '85 |
| 55 | Kiki Vandeweghe | F | UCLA '80 |

TOP DRAFTEES

| Rd. | Name | Pick | Pos. | College |
|-----|-----------------|------|------|--------------------|
| 1 | Walter Berry | 14 | F | St. John's |
| 2 | P. Fasoulas | 37 | C | North Carolina St. |
| 2 | Fernando Martin | 38 | F | None |
| 3 | Juden Smith | 49 | G | Texas El Paso |

*Martin, a free agent who played in Spain last season, was a 1985 draft choice of New Jersey Nets.

Exhibit B: Portland has uncovered no backup relief for center Sam Bowie, who literally has limped through his first two pro seasons. Bowie missed 44 games last year with a hairline fracture of the left tibia. As Thompson put it, "We especially missed Sam on defense. He's our Manute (Bol). And without him, we're minute."

Proclaiming himself healed after another meeting with the surgeon's knife, Bowie nevertheless refused to play summer league ball, over his coaches' protest.

Owing to Bowie's medical history, the Blazers couldn't have been more serious when drafting Sabonis with the last pick of the first round of the draft. They have never recovered from calling "tails" in the coin flip for the first pick of the 1984 college draft and losing Akeem Olajuwon to the Houston Rockets. Portland has no chance to sign the 22-year-old Sabonis, one of the best centers in the world, before the 1988 Summer Olympics and, barring a breakthrough in U.S.-Soviet relations or a stirring dash for freedom, only a marginal chance thereafter.

Exhibit C: In Thompson, the Blazers lost more than a stand-up comic, a guy who once said, "I hate it when my man scores on me and I hate losing. Those are the only things that bother me... that and not having ketchup on the tray when I order room service." Portland also lost its most consistent scorer and rebounder (14.7 points, 7.4 rebounds) on the front line. "He was our best man at the big-man spot," Drexler said. "Someone is going to have to pick up the slack."

The candidates include first-round draft choice Walter Berry, college basketball's player of the year; Kenny Carr, who is 31 and has missed 61 games due to injuries over the last two seasons, and Johnson, a former Oregon State star who averaged 13.8 points, 6.5 rebounds and 4.1 fouls last year at San Antonio.

Portland will probably start Bowie, Johnson and Kiki Vandeweghe along the frontline. Vandeweghe had a marvelous offensive season, averaging 24.8 points, but struggled on defense.

Portland's only sure thing may be Porter, a second-year guard who isn't afraid to challenge anyone on defense. He's the smartest, most unselfish player Portland has had at quarterback in this decade. Drexler will benefit from those attributes at the other guard spot, with Jim Paxson (13.1 points) coming off the bench.

Schuler is so determined to introduce a defensive tenacity completely lacking under Ramsay that he may wait until the last weekend of October to install an offense. He insists no starting assignments are written in blood.

The lineup, in fact, may well be decided by the amount of blood the contestants are willing to spill. ■

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Off-Season Problems Force Clippers to Make Changes

By SAM McMANIS

Even after the dismal 1985-86 season had mercifully ended for the Los Angeles Clippers, they continued to lose.

First, leading scorer Derek Smith became a free agent and insisted he would rather sit out than play for the Clippers again. Then, point guard Norm Nixon stepped in a hole while chasing a fly ball during a recreational softball game in New York and severely tore a tendon in his left knee. The injury will sideline him four to six months.

Smith, the Clippers' leading scorer in 1984-85 (22.1 points per game) who missed most of last season with a knee injury and a rare form of mononucleosis, insisted that his threat to sit was not just a negotiating ploy. So the Clippers, evidently taking the threat seriously, obliged Smith in August by trading him to Sacramento.

Also going to the Kings were forward Junior Bridgeman and guard Franklin Edwards. In return, the Clippers picked up a pair of guards, Larry Drew and Mike Woodson, and a couple of future draft choices.

Drew, who averaged 11.9 points and 4.5 assists last season for the Kings, will be asked to direct the Clippers offense. Woodson, who averaged 15.6 points coming off Sacramento's bench, probably will start at the other guard position until Nixon returns. That could be awhile.

The 31-year-old Nixon probably will not be ready to play again until February.

"I'm not going to set a target date for my return," said Nixon, who averaged 14.6 points and 8.6 assists last year. "You just can't go out there and play until you're ready. I'm just trying not to be frustrated."

How the trade will affect the Clippers' prospects for improvement remains to be seen. But there is at least one reason for optimism—center Benoit Benjamin is a year older and, hopefully, ready to show that his second-half 1985-86 improvement was no illusion.

For the first half of the season, the 7-foot rookie out of Creighton (the third overall pick in the '85 draft) was branded as a lost cause. And with good reason. When Benjamin wasn't missing team nights or buses, he was missing shots and not even trying for rebounds.

But in January, Benjamin almost magically transformed himself into a promising young center. He finished the season strong, averaging 11.1 points and 7.6 rebounds.

There is no need to ask second-year Clippers Coach Don Chaney which Benjamin he hopes to see this season.

Benjamin, a part-time starter last season, will take over as the starting center with Cedric Maxwell at power forward and Marques Johnson on the other side.



Veteran Cedric Maxwell (above) combines with Marques Johnson to give the Clippers a strong set of forwards.

When Smith was injured last season, Johnson carried the scoring load, averaging 20.3 points and 5.5 rebounds. Maxwell averaged 14.1 points and 8.2 rebounds.

The status of sixth man Rory White remained questionable as the 1986-87 season approached. White, who averaged 11.7 points off the bench last season, became a free agent and reportedly was studying an offer from a team in Italy.

The Clippers, who had traded away

their first-round selection, received little help from the draft. They selected Pepperdine guard Dwayne Pelee on the third round (No. 54 overall), but he will have to fight to make the team.

Enigmatic third-year guard Lancaster Gordon likely will receive more playing time if the Clippers choose not to re-sign free agent Darnell Valentine. Kurt Nimphius (6-10) and Michael Cage (6-9) will see backup duty behind Benjamin and Maxwell.

Elgin Baylor, beginning his first year as director of basketball operations, will have to pull off some moves as skilled as the ones he made during his playing days to prevent the Clippers from missing the playoffs for the 11th consecutive season.

Baylor, however, doesn't foresee a major housecleaning.

"I don't feel the necessity (to make major changes)," he said. "Any trade we'd make would be a quality one."

Said Chaney: "You can't put together a team of strangers and expect to win. I'd like to see a good portion of the team stay." ■

VETERAN ROSTER

| No. | Name | Pos. | College |
|-----|-------------------|------|---------------------|
| 00 | Benoit Benjamin | C | Creighton '86 |
| 44 | Michael Cage | F | San Diego State '84 |
| 38 | Jeff Cross | F-C | Maine '84 |
| | Larry Drew | G | Missouri '80 |
| 4 | L. Gordon | G | Louisville '84 |
| 8 | Marques Johnson | F | UCLA '77 |
| 20 | Ozell Jones | F-C | Fullerton State '84 |
| 19 | Cedric Maxwell | F | N.C.-Charlotte '77 |
| 40 | Kurt Nimphius | F-C | Arizona State '80 |
| 10 | Norm Nixon | G | Duquesne '77 |
| 1 | Darnell Valentine | G | Kansas '81 |
| 22 | Rory White | F | South Alabama '83 |
| | Mike Woodson | G | Indiana '80 |

TOP DRAFTEE

| Rd. | Name | Pick | Pos. | College |
|-----|--------------|------|------|------------|
| 3 | Dwayne Pelee | 54 | G | Pepperdine |

Warriors Ask George Karl To Instill a Winning Attitude

By JOHN HILLYER

Maybe they've run into each other at the right time, the Golden State Warriors and George Karl. They both have something to prove.

In the Warriors' case, it's to corroborate a common belief around the National Basketball Association—that with their personnel, they had no business missing the playoffs for a ninth successive season, let alone losing 52 games.

In Karl's case, it's to justify the faith Golden State's new ownership showed in naming him head coach after a roller-coaster ride in Cleveland left questions about his qualifications.

Essentially, being a successful coach in the NBA is a selling job—you sell yourself to the players—and it was obvious before John Bach's third season was even half over that the Warriors weren't buying him. Their attitude was reflected in a remarkable display of underachievement.

Of course, it didn't help Bach's cause that longtime owner Franklin Mieuli wouldn't back him in confrontations with recalcitrant players, most notably center Joe Barry Carroll. That gave the inmates the (correct) impression they were running the asylum.

But at season's end, Mieuli sold to former Milwaukee owner Jim Fitzgerald and partner Dan Finnane, who will oversee the operation. They brought to Oakland the quaint concept of players as employees, the coach ranking above them in the chain of command.

And what of that coach? At 35, Karl is the league's second-youngest bench boss, but the Warriors' brass is betting he did a lot of maturing in his two strange seasons in Cleveland.

Karl appeared to be a rising star in his first year of guiding the Cavaliers, surviving a 2-19 start to finish 36-46 and make the playoffs. That's how Karl saw it, too, impetuously turning down a two-year contract extension for \$310,000 plus a signing bonus.

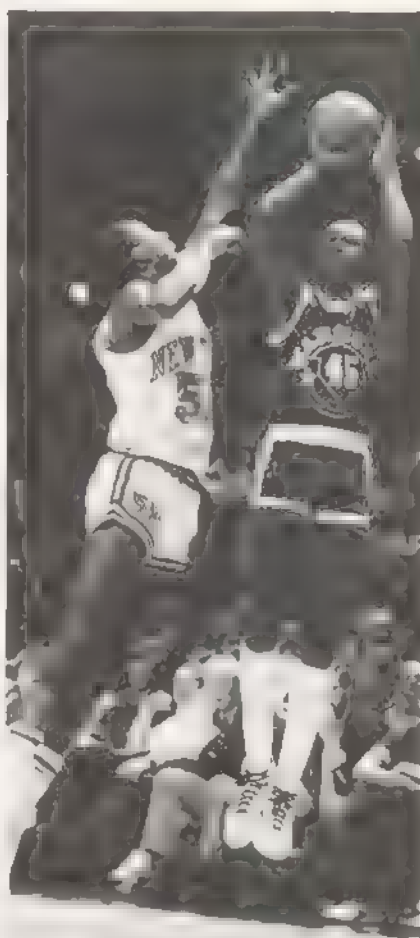
Last season, the Cavs were disappointing—they went 29-53 and missed the playoffs—and Karl was fired in mid-March after wrangling with players and incurring management's displeasure by pursuing or speculating about other jobs.

But maybe Karl is one of those people the Lord is said to take care of. Karl's close friend Don Nelson, the Milwaukee coach whose judgment is gospel to Fitzgerald, became an influential sponsor, and Karl had no competition for the Warriors' job, although it was coveted widely.

"There's no question I made some mistakes in Cleveland," Karl admitted. "And I'll make some more mistakes in Oakland."

Why Karl?

"We were looking for someone young," Fitzgerald explained, "because the job



Purvis Short always stands tall among the NBA's scoring leaders.

takes a lot of energy. We were looking for someone with basketball know-how. And we were looking for someone who can relate to the players. I don't know how anyone can relate to the modern-day ball players unless he's been through the mill as a player and is close to the same age."

How can Karl turn the Warriors around?

VETERAN ROSTER

| No. | Name | Pos. | College |
|-----|-------------------|------|----------------------|
| 4 | Greg Bahard | F | Oregon '77 |
| 2 | Joe Barry Carroll | C | Purdue '80 |
| 5 | Lester Conner | G | Oregon State '82 |
| 21 | Eric Floyd | G | Georgetown '82 |
| 15 | Geoff Huston | G | Texas Tech '79 |
| 17 | Chris Mullin | G | St. John's '85 |
| 44 | Gary Plummer | F | Boston U '84 |
| 45 | Purvis Short | F | Jackson State '78 |
| 13 | Larry Smith | F | Alcorn State '80 |
| 20 | Terry Teagle | G | Baylor '82 |
| 7 | Peter Thibaux | F | St. Mary's (Cal) '83 |
| 50 | Pete Verhoeven | F | Fresno State '81 |
| 33 | J. Whitehead | C | Marquette '78 |

TOP DRAFTEES

| Rd. | Name | Pick | Pos. | College |
|-----|----------------|------|------|-------------------|
| 1 | Chris Washburn | 3 | C | North Carolina St |
| 3 | Mike Williams | 51 | F | Bradley |
| 3 | Wendell Alexis | 59 | F | Syracuse |

"One thing I have high on my priority list," he said, "is a different attitude and approach to the game. There are a lot of individuals on this team. The more I talk to them, the more I hear them pointing fingers at each other and at the coach."

"We're too good to have the mental game-playing that was going on with this team, and I'm willing to sit down with any or all of them to iron it out. In order to compete at this level of basketball, you have to be pulling together."

Tactically, Karl's most important job is obvious: To shore up the NBA's worst defense. The drafting of 6-foot-11 Chris Washburn should provide some much-needed shot-blocking, but the Warriors' generosity was more a matter of attitude than anything else.

"Any team that gives up 52 percent shooting creates such a difficult task to win," Karl said. "I've been trying to figure out how they ever won a game. They've got some great offensive players, but when you allow 116 (actually 116.9) points a game... I think we've got to cut at least five points off that."

One of the biggest disappointments last season was rookie guard Chris Mullin, the Warriors' first-round draft choice. Mullin averaged 14 points per game and was the league's No. 2 free-throw shooter (89.6 percent), but his defense left much to be desired. Over the summer, Mullin was one of many players being shopped around by the new ownership.

Mullin shared his shooting guard spot with Terry Teagle, who posted his highest scoring average (14.2) in four NBA seasons. Forward Larry Smith paced the team with an 11.1 rebounding average, while swingman Purvis Short, the team's leading scorer with a 25.5 average, again ranked among the league's top five scorers.

Washburn likely will start the season as a backup to the 7-foot Carroll, who averaged 21.2 points and 8.5 rebounds last year, but the Warriors may eventually want to use both big men at the same time. Eric (Sleepy) Floyd adjusted nicely to his new point guard spot, dishing off 9.1 assists per game (No. 6 in the league).

Obviously, the Warriors are well equipped offensively. It's Karl's goal to ensure that they no longer make scoring easy for their opponents.

"We'll just play defense all the time in practice," Karl said. "I believe in practicing defense more than offense anyway. And if they don't like it, we'll just keep doing it until it gets done."

Hardly words to warm a player's heart. But Karl never intended to sell himself with kindness.

"I'm very straightforward," he said. "Some people call it abrasive. I call it honest." ■

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SuperSonics Finally Commit To Overdue Youth Movement

By GLENN NELSON

When Jack Sikma pressed to end his nine-year association with the Seattle SuperSonics, he inadvertently set in motion the team's long overdue youth movement.

That wasn't his intention. But the seven-time All-Star center, once hailed as the foundation of the franchise, had seen enough. With the twilight of Sikma's career rapidly approaching, he had no desire to go down with a sinking ship.

Sikma's leverage came from a five-year contract he signed with Seattle in 1984. Skeptical about the direction the team was taking at that time under new Owner Barry Ackerley, Sikma insisted on guarantees in the contract protecting him from a Sonic bust. What he got was a clause allowing him the option of turning free agent after the first two years of the contract.

That option came up after the 1985-86 season, Seattle's second straight non-play-off, 31-51 campaign. The season was so marred by injuries, wild twists of fate and bad luck that Coach Bernie Bickerstaff was prompted to comment, "I knew this team was snake-bitten. I just didn't think the poison ran that deep."

It was too much for Sikma, who called for the antidote. The Sonics captain, using the free-agent clause as leverage, asked to be traded to a contender.

So, by the first week of July, the Sonics were truly a team in transition. Gone were the last player and the coach from the team that captured the 1979 National Basketball Association championship. Ironically, Lenny Wilkens, who guided the '79 Sonics to their first-ever title, ended his stint as vice president and general manager by peddling Sikma, the last player from that team, to Milwaukee in what essentially was a straight-up deal for 7-foot center Alton Lister. Seven days later, Wilkens was named coach of the Cleveland Cavaliers.

Seattle's acquisition of Lister and two future first-round draft picks signaled the beginning of the Sonics' youth movement. The departure of Wilkens was merely a continuation of the youth movement underway in the Sonics front office. Ackerley already had replaced himself as president with 30-year-old Bob Whitsitt while hiring his 25-year-old son, Bill, as the club's vice president of finance and administration.

Two days after the Sikma deal, the Sonics public relations department distributed handouts to the local media depicting Lister as the 48-minute equivalent of such center attractions as Sikma, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Artis Gilmore, Moses Malone and Robert Parish. What the handout failed to note, however, was Lister's penchant for fouling and his up-and-down performance level. The latter



Xavier McDaniel is the type of player Seattle Coach Bernie Bickerstaff needs to turn the Sonics around.

problem once led Milwaukee Coach Don Nelson to assert, "inconsistency was

VETERAN ROSTER

| No. | Name | Pos. | College |
|-----|-------------------|------|-------------------|
| 33 | F Brickowski ... | F-C | Penn State '81 |
| 24 | Tom Chambers... | F-C | Utah '81 |
| | Dale Ellis..... | F | Tennessee '83 |
| 15 | G Henderson.... | G | Va Common '78 |
| 52 | George Johnson.. | F-C | Dillard '70 |
| 53 | Alton Lister..... | C | Arizona State '81 |
| 40 | Tim McCormick.. | C | Michigan '84 |
| 34 | Xavier McDaniel.. | F | Wichita State '85 |
| 25 | Michael Phelps... | G | Alcorn State '85 |
| 51 | David Pope..... | F | Norfolk St '84 |
| 14 | Ricky Sobers.... | G | Nevada L V '78 |
| 23 | Danny Vranes.... | F | Utah '81 |
| 30 | Kevin Williams... | G | St John's '83 |
| 22 | Danny Young..... | G | Wake Forest '84 |

TOP DRAFTEES

| Rd. | Name | Pick | Pos. | College |
|-----|-------------------|------|------|-------------------|
| 2 | Nate McMillan.... | 30 | G | North Carolina St |
| 2 | Lemone Lampley.. | 38 | C-F | DePaul |
| 3 | Tod Murphy..... | 53 | F | Cal-Irvine |

Alton's downfall "

Even with Sikma's veteran presence last season, 32 of Seattle's 51 losses were by margins of seven points or fewer. The rebuilding Sonics are now so young that the still-budding Lister, at age 28, will be one of their elder statesmen. He should be flanked on Seattle's front line by a pair of young, high-scoring performers: 6-10 Tom Chambers (18.5 points per game, 6.5 rebounds) at big forward and 6-8 Xavier McDaniel (17.1 points, 8 rebounds) at small forward.

In an effort to lessen guard Gerald Henderson's ball-handling responsibilities, the Sonics made a surprising choice with their first pick (second round) in the NBA draft—Nate McMillan, the 6-5 lead guard out of North Carolina State.

The Sonics also traded Al Wood, Henderson's running mate for most of the past two seasons, to Dallas for small forward Dale Ellis. They hope a change of scenery will unleash the vast potential that earned Ellis the distinction of being the No. 9 selection in the 1983 draft. They also hope his three-point radar (36.4 percent, eighth in the league) will bolster an offense that finished fourth from the bottom of the NBA last year.

Under Bickerstaff, the Sonics have begun to favor athletes whose speed, quickness and leaping ability could help counteract deficiencies in pure basketball skills. Bickerstaff plans to unleash a wide-open transition attack linked to a scheme of pressure defenses.

But that kind of an offense requires top-notch guard play and the jury still is out on whom the Sonics plan to pair in the backcourt with Henderson. McMillan suffered through a dismal rookie camp and veteran Ricky Sobers spent the summer as a free agent. Danny Young and Michael Phelps likely will serve backup roles.

Backups at the forward positions should be Ellis, Tim McCormick and Danny Vranes, with McCormick available to give Lister occasional breathers.

Ultimately, the Sonics are hanging their future on an NBA fact of life reinforced last season by the Houston Rockets. Houston reached the 1986 NBA Finals after first suffering through several disappointing campaigns.

In this league, only the perennial powerhouses—Boston, the Los Angeles Lakers, Milwaukee and Philadelphia—remain in the penthouse with annual sleight-of-hand maneuvers. The rest must make good draft picks, take their lumps for several years and then hope that those young players will mature and lift them over the top.

The Sonics are embarking on that long journey and right now there is no light at the end of the tunnel ■

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Suns Searching for Answers After Their 1985-86 Disaster

By NORM FRAUENHEIM

The first stage in the reconstruction of the Phoenix Suns is complete. Team officials believe the 1985-86 season poured the foundation for a return to better days.

Where did they succeed? Where did they fail? Are they headed back to the future or to the lower level of the National Basketball Association power structure?

Some major questions should be answered in the 1986-87 season. The Suns spent the summer months trying to evaluate their direction, but off-court problems that contributed greatly to a 32-50 1985-86 disaster continued to cloud the picture.

The bitter 33-day holdout by forward Larry Nance last October and November was a financial standoff. The negotiations with Bulgaria for forward Georgi Glouchkov were a nuisance. Walter Davis' sudden and shocking admittance to a drug and alcohol clinic and Rod Foster's shattered leg, the result of a Jeep accident on a remote desert road, were harsh lessons on how quickly fortunes can turn.

The result was the Suns' worst record since 1974-75. Phoenix fans won't easily forget the 1985-86 disaster and the Suns management faces a difficult challenge: Can it overcome all the distractions and the controversy that dropped the team near the bottom of the Pacific Division standings?

There is optimism. The Suns were ecstatic that 7-foot Memphis State center William Bedford still was available when they made the sixth pick in the NBA draft. Bedford is considered a project, but he could develop into a star. And, for the first time in their history, the Suns believe they have a legitimate center.

They are so confident of Bedford's potential that Coach John MacLeod says he might just hand him the starting job. If so, only one spot in the starting lineup appears uncertain.

Jay Humphries figures to return as the starting playmaker. Davis should be back at big guard with Nance at one forward.

But the other forward spot is up for grabs. It could go to Ed Pinckney, who was inconsistent in his rookie season, veteran Alvan Adams (10.8 points per game) or 7-foot James Edwards.

Edwards, last year's starting center, averaged 16.3 points and 5.8 rebounds in 52 games, but did not live up to expectations. The Suns tried to trade Edwards before the June 17 draft, but failed. If Edwards can't make the transition to forward, he'll probably serve as backup center.

"I'm optimistic," said Suns Executive Vice President and General Manager Jerry Colangelo. "We got lucky in the draft with Bedford. But we were due for some luck. Maybe now things will start to fall our way."



Center James Edwards will be asked to plug the middle until rookie William Bedford is ready to take over.

"I tend to stress and look at the positive things. Last year was a year of disappointment."

VETERAN ROSTER

| No. | Name | Pos. | College |
|-----|------------------|------|--------------------|
| 33 | Alvan Adams | C | Oklahoma '75 |
| 6 | Walter Davis | G | North Carolina '77 |
| 53 | James Edwards | C | Washington '77 |
| 10 | Rod Foster | F | UCLA '83 |
| 16 | Georgi Glouchkov | C | None |
| 24 | Jay Humphries | G | Colorado '84 |
| 34 | Charles Jones | F | Louisville '84 |
| 22 | Larry Nance | F | Clemson '81 |
| 54 | Ed Pinckney | F | Villanova '85 |
| 11 | Mike Sanders | F | UCLA '82 |
| 7 | B. Thompson | F | Fresno State '84 |
| 15 | Sedric Toney | G | Dayton '85 |
| 30 | Nick Vanos | C | Santa Clara '85 |

TOP DRAFTEES

| Rd. | Name | Pick | Pos. | College |
|-----|-----------------|------|------|---------------|
| 1 | William Bedford | 6 | C | Memphis State |
| 2 | Joe Ward | 31 | G | Georgia |
| 2 | Rafael Addison | 39 | F | Syracuse |
| 2 | Jeff Hornacek | 46 | G | Iowa State |
| 3 | Kenny Gattison | 55 | F | Old Dominion |

ment because of problems off the court. But I believe, through all the adversity, we accomplished some things we can build on for this season."

Colangelo's hopes hinge on the complete recovery of Davis and the health of Nance. Davis was averaging just under 22 points per game before entering the clinic last December. Nance, the heart of the franchise, was sidelined late last season with back injuries—a problem that also troubled him in 1984-85. Still, Nance played 73 games last season and averaged 20.2 points and 8.5 rebounds.

"Larry had a good year last year, but I still expect more from him," Colangelo said. "I am a little concerned about the back injury. We need a healthy Larry Nance, no question about that."

There will be plenty of competition for backup jobs. Swingman Mike Sanders is guaranteed a job because the Suns are sold on his ability to come in and score points quickly.

"I think Mike has developed into an excellent reserve," Colangelo said.

But other roster spots will have to be earned. The jury is still out on Glouchkov, who struggled much of last year, at least partly because he understood little English. He knows more English now, but has his basketball also improved? The Suns hope so.

"There weren't many power players in the draft," said Colangelo, who signed Glouchkov to a contract that is guaranteed through the 1986-87 season. "Georgi is that kind of player. I still think our investment in him is a good one."

There are questions that need to be answered about forward-center Charles Jones, center Nick Vanos and playmaker Sedric Toney.

The job as backup to Humphries will go to either Toney or second-round draft pick Jeff Hornacek of Iowa State. Second-round pick Joe Ward of Georgia is considered a candidate for backup to Davis and could challenge veteran Bernard Thompson for his spot on the roster.

Jones, a third-year player, has been a disappointment. The Suns were counting on him to start in 1985-86, but he arrived at training camp in poor condition and then was plagued by injuries.

"Charles Jones is in a position where he is going to have to fight for his spot, no question," Colangelo said. "We had hoped for much more."

Second-round draft pick Rafael Addison of Syracuse is a legitimate threat to take Jones' spot on the roster.

The Suns are something of a mystery team. They could surprise and move fast toward the top of the Pacific Division standings or they could suffer through another depressing season.

Only time will tell. ■

Norm Frauenheim covers the Phoenix Suns for the Arizona Republic.

1986-87 NBA Schedules

Atlanta Hawks

| | | | | |
|------|---------|------------------|---------|------------------|
| Nov | Sat. 1 | New Jersey | Thu. 28 | At Cleveland |
| | Sun. 2 | At Philadelphia | Fr. 29 | New York |
| | Tue. 4 | Milwaukee | Sun. 30 | Houston |
| | Fri. 7 | Phoenix | Tue. 3 | Boston |
| | Sat. 8 | Washington | Tue. 10 | At Seattle |
| | Tue. 11 | At Chicago | Wed. 11 | At L.A. Clippers |
| | Fri. 14 | At Detroit | Sat. 14 | At Golden State |
| | Sat. 15 | At New Jersey | Sun. 15 | At Portland |
| | Wed. 19 | At Boston | Tue. 17 | Detroit |
| | Thu. 20 | Cleveland | Fri. 20 | Indiana |
| | Sat. 22 | Boston | Sat. 21 | At Detroit |
| | Tue. 25 | At L.A. Lakers | Mon. 23 | Philadelphia |
| | Wed. 26 | At Phoenix | Tue. 24 | At Chicago |
| | Fri. 28 | At Utah | Fr. 27 | Boston |
| | Sun. 30 | At Sacramento | Sat. 28 | Portland |
| Dec. | Tue. 2 | Denver | Mon. 2 | Washington |
| | Thu. 4 | At Houston | Tue. 3 | At Indiana |
| | Fri. 5 | At Indiana | Fri. 6 | At New Jersey |
| | Tue. 9 | At Cleveland | Sat. 7 | Utah |
| | Wed. 10 | Chicago | Mon. 9 | Chicago |
| | Fri. 12 | Sacramento | Tue. 10 | At San Antonio |
| | Sat. 13 | At New York | Fri. 13 | At Dallas |
| | Tue. 16 | Detroit | Sun. 15 | At Denver |
| | Thu. 18 | At Milwaukee | Tue. 17 | Washington |
| | Sat. 20 | San Antonio | Wed. 18 | At Philadelphia |
| | Sat. 27 | Golden State | Fri. 20 | Milwaukee |
| | Mon. 29 | At Cleveland | Sat. 21 | At New York |
| Jan. | Fri. 2 | At Washington | Tue. 24 | At Washington |
| | Sat. 3 | New York | Thu. 26 | Dallas |
| | Tue. 6 | At New York | Sat. 28 | Indiana |
| | Wed. 7 | Philadelphia | Fr. 29 | At Milwaukee |
| | Sat. 10 | Cleveland | Fri. 30 | New York |
| | Mon. 12 | At L.A. Clippers | Sat. 4 | Chicago |
| | Wed. 14 | At Philadelphia | Mon. 6 | Cleveland |
| | Thu. 15 | Milwaukee | Wed. 8 | Philadelphia |
| | Sun. 18 | At Milwaukee | Fri. 10 | Detroit |
| | Mon. 19 | At Detroit | Sun. 12 | At New Jersey |
| | Wed. 21 | At L.A. Lakers | Mon. 13 | At Indiana |
| | Fri. 23 | At Boston | Wed. 15 | New Jersey |
| | Sat. 24 | Seattle | Thu. 16 | At Chicago |
| | Tue. 27 | Indiana | Sun. 18 | At Boston |

Boston Celtics

| | | |
|------|---------|------------------|
| Oct | Fri. 31 | Washington |
| Nov | Sat. 1 | At Milwaukee |
| | Wed. 5 | Indiana |
| | Fri. 7 | At Washington |
| | Tue. 11 | At New Jersey |
| | Wed. 12 | Milwaukee |
| | Fri. 14 | At Chicago |
| | Sat. 15 | At Detroit |
| | Wed. 19 | Atlanta |
| | Fri. 21 | Golden State |
| | Sat. 22 | At Atlanta |
| | Tue. 25 | At Philadelphia |
| | Wed. 26 | New York |
| | Fri. 28 | San Antonio |
| Dec. | Tue. 2 | Washington* |
| | Wed. 3 | Denver |
| | Fri. 5 | Philadelphia |
| | Sat. 6 | At Cleveland |
| | Wed. 10 | New Jersey |
| | Fri. 12 | At L.A. Lakers |
| | Sat. 13 | At Washington |
| | Tue. 16 | At New York |
| | Wed. 17 | Indiana |
| | Fri. 19 | At Philadelphia |
| | Sat. 20 | At Milwaukee |
| | Fri. 26 | At Phoenix |
| | Sat. 27 | At L.A. Clippers |
| | Mon. 29 | At Sacramento |
| | Tue. 30 | At Seattle |
| Jan. | Fri. 2 | Chicago |
| | Wed. 7 | Milwaukee |
| | Fri. 9 | Sacramento |
| | Sat. 10 | At Detroit |
| | Tue. 13 | At New Jersey |
| | Wed. 14 | Dallas |
| | Fri. 16 | Cleveland |
| | Sun. 18 | Houston |
| | Mon. 19 | At New York |
| | Wed. 21 | Indiana |
| | Fri. 23 | Atlanta |
| | Sun. 25 | Philadelphia |
| | Tue. 27 | At Chicago |
| | Wed. 28 | Chicago |
| | Fri. 30 | At Indiana |
| Feb. | Tue. 3 | At Atlanta |
| | Wed. 4 | Cleveland |
| | Tue. 10 | At Denver |
| | Thu. 12 | At Golden State |
| | Fri. 13 | At Portland |
| | Sun. 15 | At L.A. Lakers |
| | Mon. 16 | At Utah |
| | Wed. 18 | At Dallas |
| | Thu. 19 | At Houston |
| | Sat. 21 | At San Antonio |
| | Mon. 23 | New Jersey* |
| | Wed. 25 | Portland |
| | Fri. 27 | At Atlanta |
| Mar. | Sat. 1 | Detroit |
| | Wed. 4 | Utah |
| | Fri. 6 | L.A. Clippers |
| | Sun. 8 | At Detroit |
| | Wed. 11 | Phoenix |
| | Fri. 13 | At Indiana |
| | Sun. 15 | New York |
| | Tue. 17 | At Milwaukee |
| | Wed. 18 | Milwaukee |
| | Fri. 20 | Seattle |
| | Sun. 22 | New Jersey |
| | Tue. 24 | Cleveland* |
| | Thu. 26 | At Washington |
| | Fri. 27 | At Chicago |
| | Sun. 29 | Philadelphia |
| | Tue. 31 | At New York |
| Apr. | Wed. 3 | Washington |
| | Fri. 5 | At Philadelphia |
| | Sun. 7 | At Cleveland |
| | Fri. 10 | At New Jersey |
| | Sun. 12 | New York |
| | Wed. 15 | At Indiana |
| | Fri. 17 | Chicago |
| | Sun. 19 | Atlanta |

*Game played in Hartford, Conn.

Chicago Bulls

| | | |
|------|---------|------------------|
| Nov | Sat. 1 | At New York |
| | Sun. 2 | At Cleveland |
| | Tue. 4 | San Antonio |
| | Fri. 7 | At Detroit |
| | Sat. 8 | Phoenix |
| | Tue. 11 | Atlanta |
| | Wed. 12 | At Washington |
| | Fri. 14 | Boston |
| | Fri. 21 | New York |
| | Sat. 22 | Washington |
| | Wed. 26 | At Denver |
| | Fri. 28 | At L.A. Lakers |
| | Sat. 29 | At Golden State |
| Dec. | Tue. 2 | At Seattle |
| | Wed. 3 | At Utah |
| | Fri. 5 | At Phoenix |
| | Sat. 6 | At San Antonio |
| | Tue. 9 | Denver |
| | Wed. 10 | At Atlanta |
| | Fri. 12 | At Milwaukee |
| | Sat. 13 | Milwaukee |
| | Tue. 16 | New Jersey |
| | Thu. 18 | At Indiana |
| | Sat. 20 | Utah |
| | Tue. 23 | Cleveland |
| | Thu. 25 | At New York |
| | Sat. 27 | Indiana |
| | Tue. 30 | Golden State |
| Jan. | Fri. 2 | At Boston |
| | Sat. 3 | Detroit |
| | Tue. 6 | At Cleveland |
| | Thu. 8 | Portland |
| | Sat. 10 | New Jersey |
| | Thu. 15 | Houston |
| | Sat. 17 | Philadelphia |
| | Mon. 19 | At Indiana |
| | Tue. 20 | Milwaukee |
| | Fri. 23 | Cleveland |
| | Sat. 24 | At Cleveland |
| | Tue. 27 | Boston |
| | Wed. 28 | At Boston |
| | Fri. 30 | At Philadelphia |
| Feb. | Sun. 1 | At Detroit |
| | Tue. 3 | Washington |
| | Thu. 5 | At Milwaukee |
| | Fri. 13 | Seattle |
| | Sat. 14 | At New York |
| | Mon. 16 | Sacramento |
| | Fri. 20 | L.A. Lakers |
| | Sun. 22 | Cleveland |
| | Tue. 24 | Atlanta |
| | Thu. 26 | New Jersey |
| | Sat. 28 | Milwaukee |
| | Sun. 1 | At New Jersey |
| Mar. | Tue. 3 | L.A. Clippers |
| | Wed. 4 | At Detroit |
| | Fri. 6 | New York |
| | Sun. 8 | Dallas |
| | Wed. 11 | At Philadelphia |
| | Fri. 13 | Detroit |
| | Sat. 14 | At Washington |
| | Mon. 16 | At Houston |
| | Tue. 17 | At Dallas |
| | Thu. 19 | At L.A. Clippers |
| | Sat. 21 | At Sacramento |
| | Sun. 22 | At Philadelphia |
| | Tue. 24 | At New Jersey |
| | Fri. 27 | Boston |
| | Sun. 29 | New York |
| | Tue. 31 | Washington |
| Apr. | Wed. 1 | At Indiana |
| | Fri. 3 | At Washington |
| | Sat. 4 | At Atlanta |
| | Tue. 7 | Detroit |
| | Fri. 10 | At Philadelphia |
| | Sun. 12 | Indiana |
| | Mon. 13 | At Milwaukee |
| | Thu. 16 | Atlanta |
| | Fri. 17 | At Boston |

Cleveland Cavaliers

| | | |
|------|---------|------------------|
| Nov | Sat. 1 | Washington |
| | Sun. 2 | Chicago |
| | Wed. 5 | At Utah |
| | Fri. 7 | At Golden State |
| | Sat. 8 | At L.A. Clippers |
| | Tue. 11 | At Sacramento |
| | Thu. 13 | At San Antonio |
| | Sat. 15 | At Dallas |
| | Sun. 16 | At Houston |
| | Wed. 19 | Golden State |
| | Thu. 20 | At Atlanta |
| | Sat. 22 | At Detroit |
| | Wed. 26 | Portland |
| | Sat. 28 | At New York |
| Dec. | Tue. 2 | San Antonio |
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| | Sat. 6 | Boston |
| | Tue. 9 | Atlanta |
| | Thu. 11 | At Indiana |
| | Sat. 13 | Philadelphia |
| | Tue. 16 | L.A. Lakers |
| | Wed. 17 | At Philadelphia |
| | Fri. 18 | Utah |
| | Sun. 21 | Indiana |
| | Tue. 23 | At Chicago |
| | Fri. 26 | New Jersey |
| | Sat. 27 | At New Jersey |
| | Mon. 29 | Atlanta |
| | Tue. 30 | At Indiana |
| Jan. | Fri. 2 | Milwaukee |
| | Sat. 3 | At Milwaukee |
| | Tue. 6 | Chicago |
| | Thu. 8 | At L.A. Clippers |
| | Sat. 10 | At Atlanta |
| | Tue. 13 | Detroit |
| | Wed. 14 | At Detroit |
| | Fri. 16 | At Boston |
| | Sat. 17 | New York |
| | Mon. 19 | Houston |
| | Wed. 21 | Milwaukee |
| | Fri. 23 | At Chicago |
| | Sat. 24 | Chicago |
| | Wed. 28 | At Philadelphia |
| | Thu. 29 | Atlanta |
| Feb. | Sat. 31 | Indiana |
| | Wed. 4 | At Boston |
| | Thu. 5 | At Washington |
| | Tue. 10 | New York |
| | Thu. 12 | Detroit |
| | Sun. 15 | At New Jersey |
| | Mon. 16 | Seattle |
| | Wed. 18 | Sacramento |
| | Thu. 19 | At New York |
| | Sun. 22 | At Chicago |
| | Mon. 23 | Washington |
| | Wed. 25 | At Detroit |
| | Sat. 28 | At Denver |
| Mar. | Mon. 2 | At Seattle |
| | Tue. 3 | At Portland |
| | Fri. 6 | At Detroit |
| | Sat. 7 | At L.A. Lakers |
| | Tue. 10 | Philadelphia |
| | Thu. 12 | Phoenix |
| | Sat. 14 | At Milwaukee |
| | Sun. 15 | At Washington |
| | Tue. 17 | At New Jersey |
| | Wed. 18 | Denver |
| | Fri. 20 | New Jersey |
| | Sat. 21 | At Indiana |
| | Tue. 24 | At Boston* |
| | Fri. 27 | Milwaukee |
| | Sun. 29 | Dallas |
| | Tue. 31 | Philadelphia |
| Apr. | Wed. 1 | At Philadelphia |
| | Sat. 4 | Washington |
| | Mon. 6 | At Atlanta |
| | Tue. 7 | Boston |
| | Thu. 9 | Indiana |
| | Sat. 11 | At Milwaukee |
| | Tue. 14 | New Jersey |
| | Wed. 15 | At Washington |
| | Sat. 18 | New York |

*Game played in Hartford, Conn.

Dallas Mavericks

| | | |
|------|---------|------------------|
| Oct | Fri. 31 | Utah |
| Nov | Sat. 1 | At San Antonio |
| | Tue. 4 | L.A. Clippers |
| | Thu. 6 | At Seattle |
| | Fri. 7 | At Portland |
| | Tue. 11 | At Utah |
| | Wed. 12 | Houston |
| | Fri. 14 | At Denver |
| | Sat. 15 | Cleveland |
| | Tue. 18 | L.A. Lakers |
| | Thu. 20 | At L.A. Clippers |
| | Fri. 21 | At Phoenix |
| | Wed. 26 | Sacramento |
| | Fri. 28 | New Jersey |
| | Sat. 29 | Utah |
| Dec. | Tue. 2 | At Sacramento |
| | Fri. 5 | At L.A. Lakers |
| | Sat. 6 | At Golden State |
| | Wed. 10 | Portland |
| | Thu. 11 | At Utah |
| | Sat. 13 | At Seattle |
| | Sun. 14 | At Portland |
| | Tue. 16 | San Antonio |
| | Fri. 19 | Denver |
| | Sat. 20 | L.A. Lakers |
| | Tue. 23 | At Phoenix |
| | Fri. 26 | At Denver |
| | Sat. 27 | Phoenix |
| | Fri. 28 | Seattle |
| Jan. | Sat. 3 | At San Antonio |
| | Mon. 5 | Indiana |
| | Wed. 7 | San Antonio |
| | Fri. 9 | Denver |
| | Sat. 10 | At Houston |
| | Tue. 13 | At New York |
| | Wed. 14 | At Boston |
| | Fri. 16 | At Milwaukee |
| | Sat. 17 | At Indiana |
| | Wed. 21 | New York |
| | Sat. 24 | L.A. Lakers |
| | Tue. 27 | Washington |
| | Thu. 29 | At Denver |
| | Fri. 30 | Milwaukee |
| Feb. | Sun. 1 | At Portland |
| | Mon. 2 | At L.A. Lakers |
| | Wed. 4 | Seattle |
| | Thu. 5 | Portland |
| | Tue. 12 | At Sacramento |
| | Sat. 14 | L.A. Clippers |
| | Mon. 16 | At Houston |
| | Wed. 18 | Boston |
| | Fri. 20 | San Antonio |
| | Sat. 21 | Golden State |
| | Mon. 23 | At Golden State |
| | Wed. 25 | Sacramento |
| | Fri. 27 | Philadelphia |
| | Sat. 28 | At San Antonio |
| Mar. | Mon. 2 | Phoenix |
| | Tue. 4 | Denver |
| | Fri. 6 | At Detroit |
| | Sun. 8 | At Chicago |
| | Wed. 11 | Seattle |
| | Fri. 13 | Atlanta |
| | Sat. 14 | Houston |
| | Tue. 17 | Chicago |
| | Thu. 19 | At Sacramento |
| | Sat. 21 | Detroit |
| | Mon. 23 | At Philadelphia |
| | Tue. 24 | At New Jersey |
| | Thu. 26 | At Atlanta |
| | Sat. 28 | At Washington |
| | Sun. 29 | At Cleveland |
| | Tue. 31 | L.A. Clippers |
| Apr. | Fri. 3 | Golden State |
| | Sat. 4 | Utah |
| | Mon. 6 | At Phoenix |
| | Wed. 8 | At Golden State |
| | Thu. 9 | At L.A. Clippers |
| | Sat. 11 | At L.A. Clippers |
| | Wed. 15 | Houston |
| | Fri. 17 | At Houston |
| | Sat. 18 | Sacramento |

Denver Nuggets

| | | | | |
|------|------|------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Oct. | Fri. | 31 | -San Antonio | |
| | Sat. | 1 | -At Golden State | |
| Nov | Tue | 4 | -New York | |
| | Thu | 6 | Utah | |
| | Fri. | 7 | At L.A. Lakers | |
| | Tue | 11 | At L.A. Clippers | |
| | Wed | 12 | Sacramento | |
| | Fri. | 14 | Dallas | |
| | Sat | 15 | -At Utah | |
| | Tue | 18 | New Jersey | |
| | Thu | 20 | Portland | |
| | Sat | 22 | Phoenix | |
| | Wed | 26 | Chicago | |
| | Fri. | 28 | -At Indiana | |
| | Sat | 29 | -At Milwaukee | |
| | Dec | Tue | 2 | At Atlanta |
| | | Wed | 3 | At Boston |
| | | Fri. | 5 | At New Jersey |
| | | Sat. | 6 | -At Detroit |
| Tue | | 9 | At Chicago | |
| Wed. | | 10 | Utah | |
| Fri | | 12 | Phoenix | |
| Sat. | | 13 | At Phoenix | |
| Tue | | 16 | -At Sacramento | |
| Fri. | | 19 | -At Dallas | |
| Sat | | 20 | -Golden State | |
| Tue | | 23 | At Seattle | |
| Fri. | | 26 | Dallas | |
| Sat | | 27 | At San Antonio | |
| Jan. | | Tue | 30 | -Philadelphia |
| | | Fri. | 2 | -Houston |
| | | Sat. | 3 | At Portland |
| | Tue | 6 | At Sacramento | |
| | Wed | 7 | At L.A. Lakers | |
| | Fr. | 9 | At Dallas | |
| | Sat. | 10 | -Phoenix | |
| | Tue. | 13 | Seattle | |
| | Wed | 14 | At L.A. Clippers | |
| | Fri. | 16 | -At Seattle | |
| | Mon | 19 | Portland | |
| | Wed | 21 | -Golden State | |
| | Sat | 24 | Milwaukee | |
| | Mon | 26 | At Portland | |
| | Thu | 29 | Dallas | |
| | Feb. | Sat | 31 | Sacramento |
| | | Mon. | 2 | -L.A. Clippers |
| Tue | | 3 | -At Houston | |
| Thu | | 5 | At Phoenix | |
| Tue | | 10 | Boston | |
| Thu. | | 12 | Washington | |
| Sat. | | 14 | -Indiana | |
| Tue | | 17 | At San Antonio | |
| Wed | | 18 | -L.A. Lakers | |
| Thu | | 20 | -At L.A. Clippers | |
| Mon | | 23 | -At Houston | |
| Thu | | 24 | -Houston | |
| Thu | | 26 | At Seattle | |
| Sat. | | 28 | -Cleveland | |
| Mar | | Wed | 2 | -Sacramento |
| | | Thu | 4 | -At Dallas |
| | | Thu | 5 | -San Antonio |
| | Tue | 10 | At L.A. Lakers | |
| | Wed | 11 | -Utah | |
| | Sun. | 15 | -Atlanta | |
| | Wed | 17 | -At New York | |
| | Wed | 18 | -At Cleveland | |
| | Fr | 20 | -At Philadelphia | |
| | Sat | 21 | -At Washington | |
| | Mon. | 23 | At Utah | |
| | Thu | 24 | -L.A. Clippers | |
| | Sat | 26 | Seattle | |
| | Sat | 28 | -Detroit | |
| | Apr | Tue | 31 | San Antonio |
| | | Sat | 2 | Golden State |
| | | Fri | 3 | -At San Antonio |
| Sun | | 5 | -L.A. Lakers | |
| Tue | | 7 | -At Golden State | |
| Fr | | 10 | At Utah | |
| Sat | | 11 | At Houston | |
| Thu | | 14 | -Portland | |
| Thu | | 16 | -At Sacramento | |
| Sat | | 18 | -Houston | |

Detroit Pistons

| | | | |
|-----|-----|----|------------------|
| Oct | Fr | 31 | At Milwaukee |
| Nov | Sat | 1 | At Indiana |
| | Wed | 5 | Washington |
| | Fr | 7 | Chicago |
| | Sat | 8 | At Milwaukee |
| | Wed | 12 | Phoenix |
| | Fr | 14 | Atlanta |
| | Sat | 15 | Boston |
| | Wed | 19 | At Washington |
| | Fr | 21 | At Philadelphia |
| | Sat | 22 | Cleveland |
| | Fr | 28 | Milwaukee |
| Dec | Wed | 3 | At New Jersey |
| | Th | 4 | At Cleveland |
| | Sat | 6 | Denver |
| | Wed | 10 | Sacramento |
| | Fr | 12 | Washington |
| | Sat | 13 | L.A. Lakers |
| | Tu | 16 | At Atlanta |
| | Wed | 17 | Utah |
| | Fr | 18 | San Antonio |
| | Sat | 20 | At Philadelphia |
| | Tu | 23 | At Indiana |
| | Fr | 26 | Golden State |
| | Sat | 27 | At Washington |
| | Tu | 30 | At Milwaukee |
| Jan | Fr | 2 | New Jersey |
| | Sat | 3 | At Chicago |
| | Wed | 7 | New York |
| | Fr | 9 | L.A. Clippers |
| | Sat | 10 | Boston |
| | Tu | 13 | At Cleveland |
| | Wed | 14 | Cleveland |
| | Fr | 16 | Houston |
| | Sat | 17 | At New Jersey |
| | Mon | 19 | Atlanta |
| | Wed | 21 | At Utah |
| | Fr | 23 | At L.A. Clippers |
| | Sa | 24 | At Sacramento |
| | Mon | 26 | At Phoenix |
| | Tu | 27 | At San Antonio |

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| Feb | Thu | 29 | Washington |
| | Sat | 31 | At New York |
| | Sun | 1 | Chicago |
| | Thu | 5 | Indiana |
| | Wed | 11 | At Philadelphia |
| | Thu | 12 | At Cleveland |
| | Sat | 14 | Philadelphia |
| | Tu | 17 | At Atlanta |
| | Thu | 19 | Seattle |
| | Sat | 21 | Atlanta |
| | Sun | 22 | New York |
| | Tu | 24 | At New Jersey |
| | Wed | 26 | Cleveland |
| | Fr | 27 | Portland |
| Mar | Sun | 1 | At Boston |
| | Wed | 4 | Chicago |
| | Fr | 6 | Dallas |
| | Sun | 8 | Boston |
| | Tu | 10 | At New York |
| | Wed | 11 | At Indiana |
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| | Sat | 14 | Philadelphia |
| | Mon | 16 | Indiana |
| | Wed | 18 | New Jersey |
| | Sat | 21 | At Dallas |
| | Mon | 23 | At Houston |
| | Wed | 25 | At Golden State |
| | Thu | 26 | At L.A. Lakers |
| | Sat | 28 | At Denver |
| | Sun | 29 | At Seattle |
| | Tu | 31 | At Portland |
| Apr | Thu | 2 | Indiana |
| | Fr | 3 | At Boston |
| | Sun | 5 | Milwaukee |
| | Tu | 7 | At Chicago |
| | Fr | 10 | At Atlanta |
| | Sun | 12 | At Washington |
| | Mon | 13 | At New York |
| | Wed | 15 | New York |
| | Fr | 17 | New Jersey |
| | Sat | 18 | At Milwaukee |

Golden State Warriors

| | | | |
|-----|-----|----|------------------|
| Oct | Fr | 4 | At Phoenix |
| Nov | Sat | 1 | Denver |
| | Mon | 3 | New York |
| | Wed | 5 | Portland |
| | Fr | 7 | Cleveland |
| | Tu | 11 | At Portland |
| | Thu | 13 | Philadelphia |
| | Sat | 15 | Seattle |
| | Tu | 18 | At Milwaukee |
| | Wed | 19 | At Cleveland |
| | Fr | 21 | At Boston |
| | Sat | 22 | At New York |
| | Tu | 25 | Cleveland |
| | Wed | 26 | Portland |
| | Fr | 28 | At Sacramento |
| | Sat | 29 | Chicago |
| Dec | Tu | 2 | Houston |
| | Thu | 4 | L.A. Lakers |
| | Sat | 6 | Dallas |
| | Sun | 7 | At L.A. Lakers |
| | Tu | 9 | Phoenix |
| | Thu | 11 | At Houston |
| | Sat | 13 | At San Antonio |
| | Mon | 16 | At L.A. Clippers |
| | Tu | 19 | Washington |
| | Sat | 20 | At Denver |
| | Sun | 21 | At Seattle |
| | Tu | 23 | Portland |
| | Fr | 26 | At Detroit |
| | Sat | 27 | At Atlanta |
| | Mon | 29 | At Washington |
| | Tu | 30 | At Chicago |
| Jan | Fr | 2 | Sacramento |
| | Sun | 4 | Phoenix |
| | Tu | 6 | Houston |
| | Thu | 9 | Seattle |
| | Sat | 10 | L.A. Lakers |
| | Sun | 11 | San Antonio |
| | Thu | 15 | At L.A. Lakers |
| | Fr | 16 | L.A. Clippers |
| | Sun | 18 | At Portland |
| | Tu | 20 | At Sacramento |

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|-----|-----|----|------------------|
| Feb | Wed | 21 | At Denver |
| | Thu | 23 | At Utah |
| | Tu | 27 | Milwaukee |
| | Wed | 28 | At Phoenix |
| | Fr | 30 | Seattle |
| Mar | Sun | 1 | New Jersey |
| | Tu | 3 | At San Antonio |
| | Thu | 5 | At Houston |
| | Tu | 10 | Indiana |
| | Thu | 12 | Boston |
| | Sat | 14 | At Dallas |
| | Mon | 16 | At Indiana |
| | Wed | 18 | At Philadelphia |
| | Thu | 19 | At New Jersey |
| | Sat | 21 | At Dallas |
| | Mon | 23 | Dallas |
| | Tu | 26 | L.A. Clippers |
| | Fr | 27 | At L.A. Lakers |
| Mar | Tu | 3 | L.A. Lakers |
| | Thu | 5 | Houston |
| | Sun | 8 | San Antonio |
| | Tu | 10 | Sacramento |
| | Wed | 11 | At L.A. Clippers |
| | Sun | 15 | At Portland |
| | Tu | 17 | At Utah |
| | Thu | 19 | Portland |
| | Sat | 21 | At Phoenix |
| | Wed | 25 | Detroit |
| | Fr | 27 | At Seattle |
| | Sat | 28 | Utah |
| Apr | Thu | 2 | At Denver |
| | Fr | 3 | At Dallas |
| | Sun | 7 | At San Antonio |
| | Tu | 9 | Denver |
| | Thu | 9 | Dallas |
| | Sat | 11 | At Sacramento |
| | Sun | 12 | Utah |
| | Tu | 14 | At L.A. Clippers |
| | Wed | 15 | Phoenix |
| | Sat | 18 | At Seattle |
| | Sun | 19 | L.A. Clippers |

Houston Rockets

| | | | |
|-----|-----|----|------------------|
| Nov | Sat | 1 | L.A. Lakers |
| | Tu | 4 | At Sacramento |
| | Thu | 6 | L.A. Clippers |
| | Sat | 8 | Sacramento |
| | Tu | 11 | San Antonio |
| | Wed | 12 | At Dallas |
| | Sat | 16 | Cleveland |
| | Tu | 18 | Portland |
| | Thu | 20 | Utah |
| | Fr | 21 | At Washington |
| | Sat | 23 | At Philadelphia |
| | Tu | 26 | At New York |
| | Wed | 28 | At Indiana |
| | Sat | 29 | New Jersey |
| Dec | Tu | 2 | At Golden State |
| | Thu | 4 | Atlanta |
| | Sat | 6 | Seattle |
| | Wed | 1 | At Phoenix |
| | Tu | 11 | Golden State |
| | Sat | 13 | Sacramento |
| | Tu | 16 | Phoenix |
| | Thu | 18 | At Seattle |
| | Fr | 19 | At Portland |
| | Sun | 21 | L.A. Lakers |
| | Tu | 23 | L.A. Clippers |
| | Fr | 26 | At L.A. Lakers |
| | Sat | 27 | At Utah |
| | Tu | 30 | At L.A. Clippers |
| Jan | Fr | 2 | At Denver |
| | Sat | 3 | Seattle |
| | Tu | 6 | At Golden State |
| | Thu | 8 | Indiana |
| | Sat | 10 | Dallas |
| | Tu | 13 | Phoenix |
| | Thu | 15 | At Chicago |
| | Fr | 16 | At Detroit |
| | Sun | 18 | At Boston |
| | Mon | 19 | At Cleveland |
| | Wed | 21 | At San Antonio |
| | Fr | 23 | New York |
| | Sat | 24 | Washington |
| | Tu | 27 | Utah |
| | Thu | 29 | Milwaukee |
| Feb | Sun | 1 | At Atlanta |
| | Tu | 3 | Denver |
| | Thu | 5 | Golden State |
| | Tu | 10 | San Antonio |
| | Tu | 12 | At New Jersey |
| | Sat | 14 | At Milwaukee |
| | Mon | 16 | Dallas |
| | Thu | 19 | Boston |
| | Sat | 21 | Utah |
| | Mon | 23 | Denver |
| | Tu | 24 | At Denver |
| | Thu | 26 | At Utah |
| Mar | Sun | 1 | Philadelphia |
| | Mon | 2 | At San Antonio |
| | Wed | 4 | At Sacramento |
| | Thu | 5 | At Golden State |
| | Sat | 7 | At Seattle |
| | Sun | 8 | At Portland |
| | Tu | 10 | Seattle |
| | Thu | 12 | San Antonio |
| | Sat | 14 | At Dallas |
| | Mon | 16 | Chicago |
| | Wed | 18 | At Phoenix |
| | Sat | 20 | L.A. Clippers |
| | Sun | 21 | At Utah |
| | Mon | 23 | Detroit |
| | Tu | 24 | At San Antonio |
| | Thu | 26 | Portland |
| | Sat | 28 | L.A. Lakers |
| | Tu | 31 | At L.A. Lakers |
| Apr | Wed | 1 | At Phoenix |
| | Sat | 4 | At Sacramento |
| | Mon | 6 | At Portland |
| | Tu | 7 | At L.A. Clippers |
| | Thu | 9 | Sacramento |
| | Sat | 11 | Denver |
| | Wed | 15 | At Dallas |
| | Fr | 17 | Dallas |
| | Sat | 18 | At Denver |

Indiana Pacers

| | | | |
|-----|-----|----|------------------|
| Oct | Fr | 31 | At Philadelphia |
| Nov | Sat | 1 | Detroit |
| | Tu | 4 | Philadelphia |
| | Wed | 5 | San Antonio |
| | Sat | 8 | San Antonio |
| | Tu | 11 | At Milwaukee |
| | Thu | 13 | At New Jersey |
| | Sat | 15 | Milwaukee |
| | Sun | 16 | At Washington |
| | Tu | 18 | At L.A. Clippers |
| | Thu | 20 | At Sacramento |
| | Sat | 22 | At Seattle |
| | Sun | 23 | At Portland |
| | Wed | 26 | Houston |
| | Fr | 28 | Denver |
| | Sun | 30 | Portland |
| Dec | Tu | 2 | At Milwaukee |
| | Thu | 4 | Washington |
| | Fr | 5 | At Boston |
| | Wed | 10 | At Philadelphia |
| | Thu | 11 | Cleveland |
| | Sat | 13 | New Jersey |
| | Wed | 17 | At Boston |
| | Thu | 18 | Chicago |
| | Sat | 20 | At New York |
| | Sun | 21 | At Cleveland |
| | Tu | 23 | Detroit |
| | Sat | 27 | At Chicago |
| | Tu | 30 | Cleveland |
| Jan | Fr | 2 | L.A. Clippers |
| | Mon | 5 | At Dallas |
| | Tu | 6 | At San Antonio |
| | Thu | 8 | At Houston |
| | Sat | 10 | At Utah |
| | Tu | 13 | Philadelphia |
| | Thu | 15 | Washington |
| | Sat | 17 | Dallas |
| | Mon | 19 | Chicago |
| | Wed | 21 | At Boston |
| | Thu | 22 | L.A. Lakers |
| | Sat | 24 | Phoenix |
| | Tu | 27 | At Atlanta |
| | Fr | 30 | Boston |
| Feb | Sat | 3 | At Cleveland |
| | Tu | 6 | Philadelphia |
| | Thu | 8 | At Detroit |
| | Tu | 10 | At Golden State |
| | Wed | 11 | At Phoenix |
| | Fr | 13 | At L.A. Lakers |
| | Sat | 14 | At Denver |
| | Mon | 16 | Golden State |
| | Wed | 18 | Seattle |
| | Fr | 20 | At Atlanta |
| | Sun | 22 | Sacramento |
| | Tu | 24 | At Milwaukee |
| | Thu | 26 | At Washington |
| | Fr | 27 | At New Jersey |
| Mar | Sat | 1 | New York |
| | Sun | 2 | Atlanta |
| | Wed | 7 | Milwaukee |
| | Sat | 9 | Utah |
| | Mon | 9 | Detroit |
| | Fr | 13 | Boston |
| | Sun | 15 | New Jersey |
| | Mon | 16 | At Cleveland |
| | Thu | 19 | At New York |
| | Sat | 21 | Cleveland |
| | Mon | 23 | Washington |
| | Wed | 25 | Milwaukee |
| | Fr | 27 | New York |
| | Sat | 28 | At Atlanta |
| Apr | Wed | 1 | Chicago |
| | Thu | 2 | At Detroit |
| | Sat | 4 | At New York |
| | Tu | 7 | New Jersey |
| | Thu | 9 | At Cleveland |
| | Fr | 10 | At Washington |
| | Sun | 12 | At Chicago |
| | Mon | 13 | Atlanta |
| | Wed | 15 | Boston |
| | Fr | 17 | At Philadelphia |
| | Sat | 18 | At New Jersey |

Los Angeles Clippers

| | | | |
|-----|-----|----|-----------------|
| Oct | Fr | 31 | At Sacramento |
| Nov | Sat | 1 | Phoenix |
| | Tu | 4 | At Dallas |
| | Thu | 6 | At Houston |
| | Sat | 8 | Cleveland |
| | Tu | 11 | Denver |
| | Thu | 13 | At Utah |
| | Fr | 14 | At Portland |
| | Sat | 16 | Philadelphia |
| | Tu | 18 | Indiana |
| | Thu | 20 | At Dallas |
| | Sat | 22 | San Antonio |
| | Tu | 25 | At Seattle |
| | Wed | 26 | L.A. Lakers |
| | Sun | 30 | At L.A. Lakers |
| Dec | Tu | 2 | At Portland |
| | Thu | 4 | New York |
| | Sat | 6 | Phoenix |
| | Sun | 7 | Seattle |
| | Fr | 12 | Portland |
| | Sat | 13 | At Utah |
| | Tu | 16 | Golden State |
| | Thu | 18 | San Antonio |
| | Sat | 20 | Washington |
| | Tu | 23 | At Houston |
| | Fr | 26 | At Seattle |
| | Sat | 27 | Boston |
| | Tu | 29 | Houston |
| Jan | Fr | 2 | At Indiana |
| | Sat | 3 | At New Jersey |
| | Mon | 5 | At Philadelphia |
| | Tu | 6 | At Washington |
| | Thu | 8 | At Cleveland |
| | Sat | 10 | At Detroit |
| | Mon | 12 | At Atlanta |
| | Wed | 14 | Denver |
| | Fr | 16 | At Golden State |
| | Sat | 17 | At Phoenix |
| | Mon | 19 | At San Antonio |
| | Fr | 21 | Detroit |
| | Sat | 22 | Milwaukee |
| | Wed | 26 | New Jersey |
| | Fr | 30 | San Antonio |
| | Sat | 31 | At Utah |
| Feb | Mon | 2 | At Denver |
| | Thu | 5 | Utah |
| | Wed | 11 | At Atlanta |
| | Fr | 13 | At San Antonio |
| | Sat | 14 | At Dallas |
| | Mon | 16 | Portland |
| | Fr | 20 | Denver |
| | Mon | 23 | At Seattle |
| | Thu | 26 | At Golden State |
| | Sat | 28 | Sacramento |
| | Fr | 4 | At Chicago |
| | Wed | 4 | At Milwaukee |
| | Fr | 6 | At Boston |
| | Sat | 7 | At New York |
| | Mon | 9 | L.A. Lakers |
| | Wed | 11 | Golden State |
| | Fr | 13 | Seattle |
| | Sat | 15 | At L.A. Lakers |
| | Tu | 17 | Portland |
| | Thu | 19 | Chicago |
| | Fr | 20 | At Houston |
| | Sun | 22 | San Antonio |
| | Tu | 24 | At Denver |
| | Wed | 25 | Utah |
| | Fr | 27 | At Phoenix |
| | Sat | 28 | At Sacramento |
| | Tu | 31 | At Dallas |
| Apr | Tu | 2 | Sacramento |
| | Sat | 4 | Phoenix |
| | Mon | 6 | At L.A. Lakers |
| | Tu | 7 | Houston |
| | Thu | 9 | L.A. Lakers |
| | Sat | 11 | Dallas |
| | Sun | 12 | At Portland |
| | Tu | 14 | Golden State |
| | Thu | 16 | Seattle |
| | Sat | 19 | At Phoenix |
| | Sun | 19 | At Golden State |

New Jersey Nets

| | | | |
|------|------|----|-----------------|
| Oct. | Fri. | 31 | New York |
| Nov. | Sat. | 1 | At Atlanta |
| | Tue. | 4 | At Washington |
| | Wed. | 5 | San Antonio |
| | Fri. | 7 | Milwaukee |
| | Tue. | 11 | Boston |
| | Thu. | 13 | Indiana |
| | Sat. | 15 | Atlanta |
| | Tue. | 18 | At Denver |
| | Wed. | 19 | At Phoenix |
| | Fri. | 21 | At L.A. Lakers |
| | Sat. | 22 | At Utah |
| | Tue. | 25 | At San Antonio |
| | Fri. | 28 | At Dallas |
| | Sat. | 29 | At Houston |
| Dec. | Wed. | 3 | Detroit |
| | Fri. | 5 | Denver |
| | Sat. | 6 | At Philadelphia |
| | Tue. | 9 | Sacramento |
| | Wed. | 10 | At Boston |
| | Fri. | 12 | Philadelphia |
| | Sat. | 13 | At Indiana |
| | Tue. | 16 | At Chicago |
| | Thu. | 18 | At New York |
| | Tue. | 23 | Utah |
| | Fri. | 26 | At Cleveland |
| | Sat. | 27 | Cleveland |
| Jan. | Mon. | 29 | Milwaukee |
| | Fri. | 2 | At Detroit |
| | Sat. | 3 | L.A. Clippers |
| | Tue. | 6 | At Milwaukee |
| | Wed. | 7 | Washington |
| | Fri. | 9 | Portland |
| | Sat. | 10 | At Chicago |
| | Tue. | 13 | Houston |
| | Wed. | 14 | At Washington |
| | Sat. | 17 | Detroit |
| | Mon. | 19 | L.A. Lakers |
| | Wed. | 21 | Phoenix |
| | Fri. | 23 | Seattle |
| | Tue. | 27 | At Sacramento |

*Game played in Hartford, Conn.

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|------|------|----|------------------|
| Feb. | Wed. | 28 | At L.A. Clippers |
| | Fri. | 30 | At Portland |
| | Sun. | 1 | At Golden State |
| | Mon. | 2 | At Denver |
| | Wed. | 4 | Philadelphia |
| | Thu. | 5 | At New York |
| | Thu. | 12 | Houston |
| | Sun. | 15 | Cleveland |
| | Mon. | 16 | At Milwaukee |
| | Tue. | 19 | Golden State |
| | Sat. | 21 | New York |
| | Mon. | 23 | At Boston* |
| | Tue. | 24 | Detroit |
| | Thu. | 26 | At Chicago |
| | Fri. | 27 | Indiana |
| Mar. | Sun. | 1 | Chicago |
| | Wed. | 4 | At Washington |
| | Fri. | 6 | Atlanta |
| | Sat. | 7 | At Philadelphia |
| | Tue. | 10 | Washington |
| | Thu. | 12 | Milwaukee |
| | Fri. | 13 | At New York |
| | Sun. | 15 | At Indiana |
| | Tue. | 17 | Cleveland |
| | Wed. | 18 | At Detroit |
| | Fri. | 20 | At Cleveland |
| | Sun. | 22 | At Boston |
| | Tue. | 24 | Dallas |
| | Thu. | 26 | Chicago |
| | Fri. | 27 | At Philadelphia |
| Apr. | Wed. | 1 | New York |
| | Sat. | 4 | At Milwaukee |
| | Tue. | 7 | At Indiana |
| | Wed. | 8 | Washington |
| | Fri. | 10 | Boston |
| | Sun. | 12 | Atlanta |
| | Mon. | 14 | At Cleveland |
| | Wed. | 15 | At Atlanta |
| | Fri. | 17 | At Detroit |
| | Sat. | 18 | Indiana |

New York Knicks

| | | | |
|------|------|----|------------------|
| Oct. | Fri. | 31 | At New Jersey |
| Nov. | Sat. | 1 | Chicago |
| | Mon. | 3 | At Golden State |
| | Tue. | 4 | At Denver |
| | Thu. | 6 | At Sacramento |
| | Sat. | 8 | At Seattle |
| | Sun. | 9 | At L.A. Lakers |
| | Tue. | 11 | Phoenix |
| | Fri. | 14 | At Milwaukee |
| | Sat. | 15 | Washington |
| | Wed. | 18 | At Philadelphia |
| | Fri. | 21 | At Chicago |
| | Sat. | 22 | Golden State |
| | Tue. | 25 | Houston |
| | Wed. | 26 | At Boston |
| | Sat. | 29 | Cleveland |
| | Tue. | 2 | At Phoenix |
| | Thu. | 4 | At L.A. Clippers |
| | Fri. | 5 | At Utah |
| | Sun. | 7 | At Portland |
| | Tue. | 9 | L.A. Lakers |
| | Wed. | 10 | At Washington |
| | Sat. | 13 | Atlanta |
| | Tue. | 16 | Boston |
| | Thu. | 18 | New Jersey |
| | Sat. | 20 | Indiana |
| | Mon. | 22 | San Antonio |
| | Thu. | 25 | Chicago |
| | Sat. | 27 | Milwaukee |
| | Tue. | 30 | Washington |
| Jan. | Sat. | 3 | At Atlanta |
| | Tue. | 6 | Atlanta |
| | Wed. | 7 | At Detroit |
| | Fri. | 9 | At Philadelphia |
| | Sat. | 10 | Sacramento |
| | Tue. | 13 | Dallas |
| | Thu. | 17 | At Cleveland |
| | Mon. | 19 | Boston |
| | Wed. | 21 | At Dallas |
| | Fri. | 23 | At Houston |
| | Sat. | 24 | At San Antonio |

| | | | |
|------|------|----|-----------------|
| Feb. | Tue. | 27 | Philadelphia |
| | Fri. | 30 | At Atlanta |
| | Sat. | 31 | Detroit |
| | Mon. | 3 | At Washington |
| | Tue. | 3 | At Milwaukee |
| | Thu. | 5 | New Jersey |
| | Tue. | 10 | At Cleveland |
| | Wed. | 11 | Milwaukee |
| | Sat. | 14 | Chicago |
| | Mon. | 18 | Philadelphia |
| | Thu. | 19 | Cleveland |
| | Sat. | 21 | At New Jersey |
| | Sun. | 22 | At Detroit |
| | Tue. | 24 | Portland |
| | Sat. | 28 | At Washington |
| Mar. | Sun. | 1 | At Indiana |
| | Tue. | 4 | At San Antonio |
| | Wed. | 4 | At Philadelphia |
| | Fri. | 6 | At Chicago |
| | Sat. | 7 | L.A. Clippers |
| | Tue. | 10 | Detroit |
| | Fri. | 13 | New Jersey |
| | Sun. | 15 | At Boston |
| | Tue. | 17 | Denver |
| | Thu. | 19 | Indiana |
| | Sat. | 21 | Atlanta |
| | Mon. | 23 | Seattle |
| | Tue. | 24 | At Milwaukee |
| | Fri. | 27 | At Indiana |
| | Sat. | 28 | At Chicago |
| | Tue. | 31 | Boston |
| Apr. | Wed. | 1 | At New Jersey |
| | Fri. | 3 | At Atlanta |
| | Sat. | 4 | Indiana |
| | Mon. | 6 | Philadelphia |
| | Fri. | 10 | Milwaukee |
| | Sun. | 12 | At Boston |
| | Mon. | 13 | Detroit |
| | Wed. | 15 | At Detroit |
| | Fri. | 17 | Washington |
| | Sat. | 18 | At Cleveland |

Philadelphia 76ers

| | | | |
|------|------|----|------------------|
| Oct. | Fri. | 31 | Indiana |
| Nov. | Sun. | 2 | Atlanta |
| | Tue. | 4 | At Indiana |
| | Wed. | 5 | Milwaukee |
| | Fri. | 7 | San Antonio |
| | Sun. | 9 | At Portland |
| | Tue. | 11 | At Seattle |
| | Thu. | 13 | At Golden State |
| | Fri. | 14 | At Phoenix |
| | Sun. | 16 | At L.A. Clippers |
| | Wed. | 19 | New York |
| | Fri. | 21 | Detroit |
| | Sun. | 23 | Houston |
| | Tue. | 25 | Boston |
| | Fri. | 28 | Portland |
| Dec. | Wed. | 3 | Milwaukee |
| | Fri. | 5 | At Boston |
| | Sat. | 6 | New Jersey |
| | Wed. | 10 | Indiana |
| | Fri. | 12 | At New Jersey |
| | Sat. | 13 | At Cleveland |
| | Tue. | 16 | At Milwaukee |
| | Wed. | 17 | Cleveland |
| | Fri. | 19 | Boston |
| | Sat. | 20 | Detroit |
| | Mon. | 22 | Utah |
| | Thu. | 25 | Washington |
| | Sat. | 27 | At Sacramento |
| | Sun. | 28 | At L.A. Lakers |
| | Fri. | 30 | At Denver |
| Jan. | Fri. | 2 | At Utah |
| | Mon. | 5 | L.A. Clippers |
| | Wed. | 7 | At Atlanta |
| | Fri. | 9 | New York |
| | Sat. | 10 | At Washington |
| | Tue. | 13 | At Indiana |
| | Wed. | 14 | Atlanta |
| | Sat. | 17 | At Chicago |
| | Mon. | 19 | Phoenix |
| | Wed. | 21 | Seattle |
| | Sun. | 25 | At Boston |
| | Tue. | 27 | At New York |
| | Wed. | 28 | Cleveland |
| | Fri. | 30 | Chicago |
| Feb. | Sat. | 31 | At Washington |
| | Tue. | 3 | At Indiana |
| | Wed. | 4 | At New Jersey |
| | Tue. | 10 | At Chicago |
| | Wed. | 11 | Detroit |
| | Sat. | 14 | At Detroit |
| | Mon. | 16 | At New York |
| | Wed. | 18 | Golden State |
| | Fri. | 20 | Sacramento |
| | Sun. | 22 | L.A. Lakers |
| | Mon. | 23 | At Atlanta |
| | Thu. | 26 | At San Antonio |
| | Fri. | 27 | At Dallas |
| Mar. | Sun. | 29 | At Houston |
| | Wed. | 4 | New York |
| | Fri. | 6 | Washington |
| | Sat. | 7 | New Jersey |
| | Tue. | 10 | At Cleveland |
| | Wed. | 11 | Chicago |
| | Sat. | 14 | At Detroit |
| | Wed. | 18 | Atlanta |
| | Fri. | 20 | Denver |
| | Sat. | 21 | At Milwaukee |
| | Mon. | 23 | Dallas |
| | Tue. | 24 | At Chicago |
| | Fri. | 27 | New Jersey |
| | Sun. | 29 | At Boston |
| | Tue. | 31 | At Cleveland |
| Apr. | Wed. | 1 | Cleveland |
| | Fri. | 3 | At New Jersey |
| | Sun. | 5 | Boston |
| | Mon. | 6 | At New York |
| | Wed. | 8 | At Atlanta |
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| | Wed. | 15 | At Milwaukee |
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| | Sun. | 19 | At Washington |

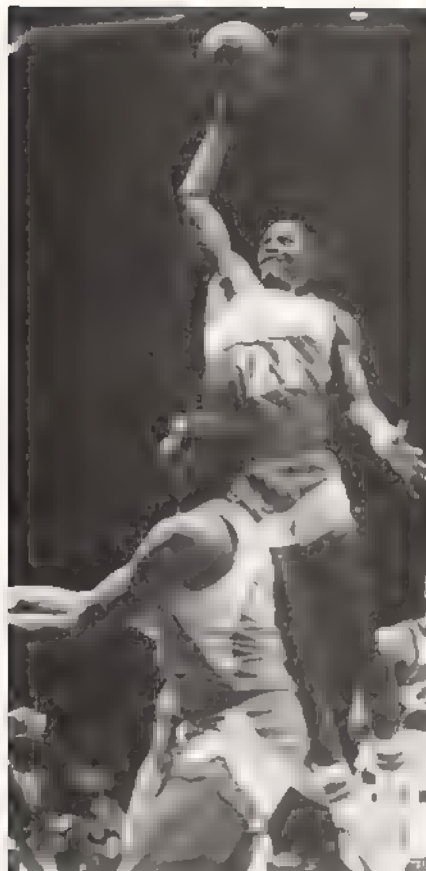
Phoenix Suns

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|------|------|----|------------------|
| Oct. | Fri. | 31 | Golden State |
| Nov. | Sat. | 1 | At L.A. Clippers |
| | Tue. | 4 | Portland |
| | Fri. | 7 | At Atlanta |
| | Sat. | 8 | At Chicago |
| | Tue. | 11 | At New York |
| | Wed. | 12 | At Detroit |
| | Fri. | 14 | Philadelphia |
| | Sat. | 15 | At San Antonio |
| | Wed. | 19 | New Jersey |
| | Fri. | 21 | Dallas |
| | Sat. | 22 | At Denver |
| | Tue. | 25 | At Sacramento |
| | Wed. | 26 | Atlanta |
| | Fri. | 28 | Seattle |
| Dec. | Tue. | 2 | New York |
| | Fri. | 5 | Chicago |
| | Sat. | 6 | At L.A. Clippers |
| | Tue. | 9 | At Golden State |
| | Wed. | 10 | Houston |
| | Fri. | 12 | At Denver |
| | Sat. | 13 | Denver |
| | Tue. | 16 | At Houston |
| | Wed. | 17 | At San Antonio |
| | Fri. | 19 | Seattle |
| | Sat. | 20 | At Sacramento |
| | Tue. | 23 | Dallas |
| | Fri. | 26 | Boston |
| | Sat. | 27 | At Dallas |
| | Tue. | 30 | At Portland |
| Jan. | Fri. | 2 | At L.A. Lakers |
| | Sun. | 1 | At Golden State |
| | Tue. | 6 | At Seattle |
| | Fri. | 9 | San Antonio |
| | Sat. | 10 | At Denver |
| | Tue. | 13 | At Houston |
| | Thu. | 15 | Utah |
| | Sat. | 17 | L.A. Clippers |
| | Mon. | 19 | At Philadelphia |
| | Wed. | 21 | At New Jersey |
| | Fri. | 23 | At Washington |
| | Sat. | 24 | At Indiana |
| | Mon. | 26 | Detroit |
| | Wed. | 28 | Golden State |
| | Fri. | 30 | L.A. Lakers |
| Feb. | Sat. | 31 | At L.A. Lakers |
| | Tue. | 3 | At Portland |
| | Thu. | 5 | Denver |
| | Fri. | 10 | At Utah |
| | Wed. | 11 | Indiana |
| | Fri. | 13 | Utah |
| | Mon. | 16 | Washington |
| | Thu. | 19 | Portland |
| | Sat. | 21 | Milwaukee |
| | Tue. | 24 | L.A. Lakers |
| | Wed. | 25 | At L.A. Lakers |
| | Sat. | 28 | Seattle |
| | Mon. | 3 | At Dallas |
| | Thu. | 5 | Cleveland |
| | Sat. | 7 | Sacramento |
| | Mon. | 9 | At Milwaukee |
| | Wed. | 11 | At Boston |
| | Thu. | 12 | At Cleveland |
| | Sat. | 14 | At San Antonio |
| | Wed. | 18 | Houston |
| | Fri. | 20 | At Portland |
| | Sat. | 21 | Golden State |
| | Tue. | 24 | L.A. Lakers |
| | Wed. | 25 | At L.A. Lakers |
| | Fri. | 27 | New Jersey |
| | Thu. | 31 | At Utah |
| Mar. | Wed. | 1 | Houston |
| | Fri. | 3 | Utah |
| | Sat. | 4 | At L.A. Clippers |
| | Mon. | 6 | Dallas |
| | Tue. | 7 | At Seattle |
| | Thu. | 9 | Portland |
| | Sat. | 11 | San Antonio |
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| | Tue. | 14 | Sacramento |
| | Wed. | 15 | At Golden State |
| | Sat. | 18 | L.A. Clippers |

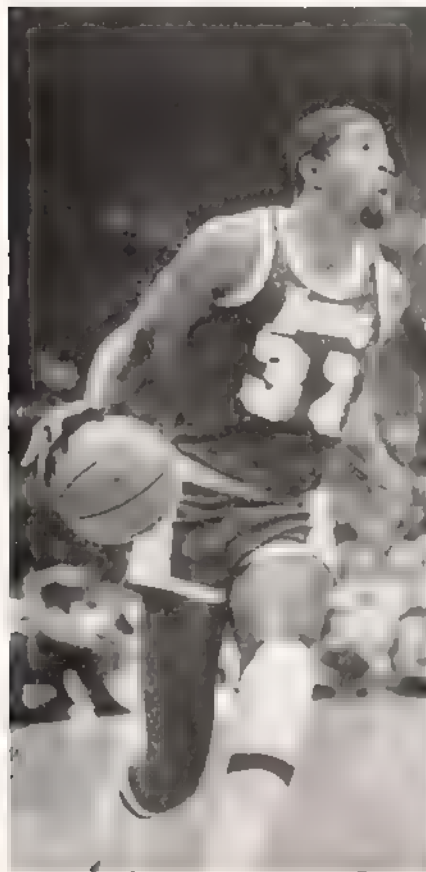
Portland Trail Blazers

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|------|------|----|------------------|
| Oct. | Fri. | 31 | Seattle |
| Nov. | Sat. | 1 | At Utah |
| | Tue. | 4 | At Phoenix |
| | Wed. | 5 | At Golden State |
| | Fri. | 7 | Dallas |
| | Sun. | 9 | Philadelphia |
| | Tue. | 11 | Golden State |
| | Fri. | 14 | L.A. Clippers |
| | Sun. | 16 | Utah |
| | Tue. | 18 | At Houston |
| | Thu. | 20 | At Denver |
| | Fri. | 21 | San Antonio |
| | Sun. | 23 | Indiana |
| | Tue. | 25 | At Washington |
| | Wed. | 26 | At Cleveland |
| | Fri. | 28 | At Philadelphia |
| | Sun. | 30 | At Indiana |
| Dec. | Tue. | 2 | L.A. Clippers |
| | Thu. | 4 | At Sacramento |
| | Sun. | 7 | New York |
| | Tue. | 9 | At San Antonio |
| | Wed. | 10 | At Dallas |
| | Fri. | 12 | At L.A. Clippers |
| | Sun. | 14 | Dallas |
| | Tue. | 16 | Seattle |
| | Thu. | 18 | At L.A. Lakers |
| | Fri. | 19 | Houston |
| | Sun. | 21 | Washington |
| | Tue. | 23 | At Golden State |
| | Thu. | 25 | At Seattle |
| | Sun. | 30 | Phoenix |
| Jan. | Thu. | 1 | L.A. Lakers |
| | Sat. | 3 | Denver |
| | Sun. | 4 | Sacramento |
| | Thu. | 8 | At Chicago |
| | Fri. | 9 | At New Jersey |
| | Sun. | 11 | At Milwaukee |
| | Tue. | 13 | Utah |
| | Thu. | 15 | At Sacramento |
| | Sun. | 18 | Golden State |
| | Mon. | 19 | At Denver |
| | Fri. | 23 | Sacramento |
| | Mon. | 26 | Denver |
| | Tue. | 27 | At L.A. Lakers |
| | Thu. | 29 | At Utah |
| | Fri. | 30 | New Jersey |
| Feb. | Tue. | 1 | Dallas |
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Sacramento Kings



Atlanta's Dominique Wilkins (above) captured the NBA scoring title last season with a 30.3 average while Lakers guard Magic Johnson led in assists with 12.6 per game.



Final 1985-86 NBA Standings

| ATLANTIC DIVISION | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------|----|----|-----|-----|---|-----|----|-----|----|-----|----|----|---|---|----|----|----|----|---|---|-----|----|
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| Boston | 1 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Philadelphia | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Washington | 1 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| New York | 1 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
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| Detroit | 2 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
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| Denver | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Dallas | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Utah | 2 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Sacramento | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| San Antonio | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| PACIFIC DIVISION | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| LA Lakers | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Portland | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| LA Clippers | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Phoenix | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Seattle | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
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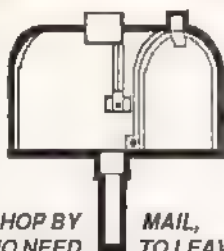
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Utah Jazz

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Washington Bullets

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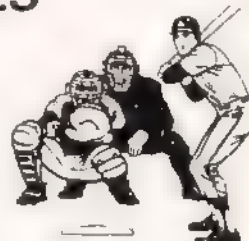
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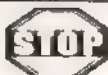
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Kings Box, 16 mg. "tar", 1.1 mg. nicotine; Filter Kings, 16 mg. "tar", 1.0 mg. nicotine av. per cigarette, FTC Report Feb. '85.